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German Air Hordes Rain Bombs on Croydon Aerodrome: All-Day Air Conflict STAGGERING NAZI AIR LOSSES IN UNPARALLELED BLITZKRIEG

Journey's End For Hongkong Evacuees

BY THE "TELEGRAPH" REPORTER
WITH THE EVACUEES

MELBOURNE, Aug. 16.
—Melbourne loomed tantalisingly before the eyes of 183 women and 168 children for nine hours yesterday, as the stately Dutch liner in which they had just completed their 8,000 mile voyage from Hongkong lay off St. Kilda, famous summer swimming resort, awaiting a berth.

They were the first of the official evacuees to arrive in Victoria.

Altogether, 1,281 of Hongkong's evacuees will make their new homes in the southernmost State on the Australian continent. The remaining 930 are expected to arrive from Sydney within a week.

Berthed in Afternoon
The Dutch liner, which passed through the Heads shortly after dawn this morning, did not berth until late this afternoon.

Motor cars and fast electric trains were waiting to take the women and children to their new homes.

As they came down the gangway they laughed and joked and appeared in fine spirits.

Australian Government accommodation officials were aboard the ship immediately it arrived this morning and before it berthed every evacuee had received little printed slips indicating their destination by car or train.

From what I have already seen the accommodation provided is all that can be desired, and no evacuee should be unhappy on this score.

Ship's Officers As Nurember

The Dutch ship's officers and Australian baggage men with little red

NAZIS RAID CROYDON AIRPORT



A VIEW OF CROYDON AIRPORT

Italy Admits Long War Likely

ZURICH, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—"On the basis of the present military situation," a long war is possible, according to the Italian newspaper, "Corriere della Sera," states a despatch from Milan to the "Deutsche Zeitung."

The "Corriere" also says that more raids over Italian towns are to be expected.

RED CROSS WORK VIA BURMA RD.

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Replying to questions in the House of Commons whether the Government would consider permitting the passage of the necessary petrol for lorries and ambulances to convey medical stores over the Burma Road, Mr. R. A. Butler said the question of facilities for Red Cross work in China, including the provision of petrol, was being actively considered.

THAI RECEIVES DEMANDS FROM JAPAN, REPORT

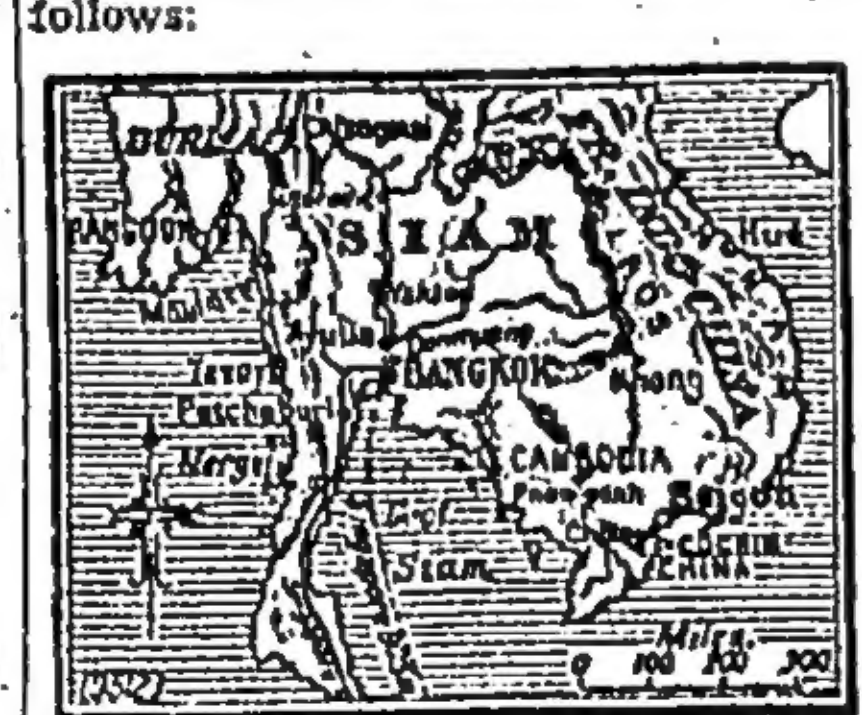
CHINESE SOURCES close to Chungking report this morning that Japan is believed to have presented certain demands, of a nature similar to those presented earlier this month to French Indo China, to Thai (Siam).

It is officially confirmed that a Thai delegation, which will include the Minister for Defence, Colonel Luong Promyort, a representative of the Thai Army, Colonel Luong Yord, and a representative of the Thai Navy, Captain Luong Yutostart, are leaving Bangkok next Tuesday for Tokyo.

They will travel from Bangkok to Haiphong by air and will then embark in a Japanese ship for Tokyo.

It is stated that a Japanese plane will be placed at their disposal at Bangkok. In Haiphong they will probably confer briefly with officials of the French Indo China government.

Chungking, according to these Chinese sources, received information of the alleged Japanese demands on Thai early yesterday.



- 1.—Establishment of Japanese naval, military and aerial bases in Thai;
- 2.—Right of transit on Thai Government railways;
- 3.—Mutual Assistance Pact between Thai and Japan;
- 4.—Closer military, naval and economic collaboration.

A semi-official Chinese source, commenting on the above report, told the "Telegraph":

"We have heard reports that Japan has presented certain demands to Thai. China naturally is interested in the report and investigations are being carried out."

"Unlike Indo-China, Thai has no common frontier with China. Nevertheless, any Japanese invasion of Thai would interest us as much as it would Britain, who has common frontiers in Burma and the Malay States, with Thai."

Thai's Treaties
Thai has treaties of commerce and navigation with, among other

SHANGHAI DISPUTE

JAPANESE ADAMANT

Demand To Patrol British Sector

NOTWITHSTANDING earlier reports that yesterday's conference in Shanghai of the British, American, Italian and Japanese defence authorities had agreed to joint patrol by Japan and America of the British sector in the International Settlement, it appeared this morning that the conference failed to reach agreement.

Proposals by the British and American representatives that the British sector be jointly patrolled by U.S. Marines and Japanese soldiers were rejected by the Japanese representatives.

Japanese Insist
It is understood that the Japanese insisted that the British sector be taken over by Japan.

The Japanese demands were based on "Japan's predominant position in the Shanghai area and that military operations were still in progress."

It is believed that a further meeting of the four Powers will be necessary before satisfactory arrangements can be reached.

The position adopted by the Italian representatives at the conference is not clear.

Parachutes Stunt Fails

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The dropping of parachutes by enemy aircraft during the night of August 13-14 is authoritatively described as no more than a clumsy effort on the part of the enemy to undermine British morale.

It is evident that the whole incident was organised by the Germans partly for the purpose of spreading alarm, which it has noticeably failed to do, and partly as an aid to their defeatist propaganda.

88 RAIDERS FALL FROM THE SKIES DURING WAR'S FIERCEST AIR ATTACKS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, AUG. 16 (UP).—THE STAGGERING LOSS OF AT LEAST 88 PLANES—THE HIGHEST EVER RECORDED AND BRINGING THE TOTAL SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE AERIAL BLITZKRIEG ON SUNDAY TO AT LEAST 262—WAS INFLICTED UPON THE GERMAN AIR FORCE YESTERDAY.

Despite adverse weather the raids were on an unparalleled scale. Eye-witnesses describe the attacks on the north-east coast as "tremendous."

In one town, where the raids lasted for some time, salvos of bombs exploded in the working class residential districts.

RAIDS CONTINUE INTO NIGHT

The raids were still continuing into late last night. Croydon was included in the attacks. Nineteen R.A.F. fighters have been lost. Five British pilots parachuted to safety.

Scores of fierce battles were fought throughout the day, in which hundreds of British and German machines literally filled the sky as they twisted and turned in their efforts to gain the advantage.

The invaders were met with tornadoes of bursting shells.

MASS RAIDS ON COAST

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A mass formation of German bombers raided the south-east this afternoon.

Flying at a great height, they passed over the coast from where scores of bombs could be seen and heard bursting on land.

R.A.F. fighters quickly approached and broke up the enemy formation, chasing them out to sea.

A barrage balloon was brought down in flames and three Spitfires engaged two bombers which, were separated from their formations and one bomber crashed into the sea.

An Air Ministry communique states that further enemy attacks had taken place in several areas of the south-east this evening.

Croydon Aerodrome Attacked

Bombs were dropped on and around Croydon Aerodrome. Some damage was done but details are not yet available.

Reports so far received have shown that in all areas during the day 88 enemy aircraft have been destroyed, 11 of these being shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

Nineteen of our fighters were lost but five of their pilots are safe.

R.A.F. Defenders Busy

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Today continuous attacks on the south-east coast towns and on aerodromes kept R.A.F. defenders busy throughout the day.

Watchers on the coast witnessed scores of fierce battles as wave after wave of raiders approached the coast. A tornado of bursting shells from anti-aircraft guns met the invaders and as they passed through the barrage, bursts of machine-gun fire could be heard as those running the

NAVY BOTTLES UP THE MEDITERRANEAN

GIBRALTAR, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—"I have just returned from a 48-hour cruise in the Straits of Gibraltar aboard a British warship," writes "Reuter's" special correspondent.

"My experience has convinced me that a ship can pass in or out of the Mediterranean only if the Royal Navy so desires."

"Italian merchant vessels, like Italy's 'fighting ships,' have been swept from the surface."

"Before Italy declared war, the Contraband Control was stopping at least 12 Italian merchantmen every day. They have now vanished. Traffic to and from Italian ports has ceased."

"During my 48 hours of steaming, only six vessels appeared. They were all Spanish, plying between Spain and Spanish Morocco."

London Air Raid Sirens Shriek

CROYDON AIRPORT BOMBED BY NAZIS

LONDON, Aug. 15 (UP).—For the first time, German planes raided the outskirts of London to-day, when they attacked Croydon Airport.

Despite adverse weather, raids on England continued at an even tempo than hitherto.

But the Germans are boasting, in their newspapers and over the radio, that increasing masses of bombers will be flung into mighty air onslaughts as soon as the weather improves.

The raid on Croydon caused the air raid alarm to be sounded in London for the first time in the present blitzkrieg.

City dwellers were able to catch glimpses of the Nazi planes on the outskirts, where they clashed with Spitfires.

Raid On Croydon

Between 20 and 30 Nazi machines took part in the raid on Croydon. Three were shot down.

Windows rattled throughout the city as anti-aircraft guns went into action and the concussion of exploding bombs was clearly audible.

Two children were killed when a lone Nazi plane machine-gunned the streets in a north-east seaside town. The children were playing in a field on the outskirts of the town when the German plane appeared.

After dropping four bombs on the town, the plane flew low over the

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LATEST

JAPANESE VOTE AGAINST PLAN

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16 (UP).—The Japanese voting against the plan to submit alternate plans later. The decision is subject to the approval of the Japanese Government as well as of the Municipal Council.

The decision to grant control of the western Hongkong district to the U.S. Marines has surprised observers, who anticipated that the Japanese would insist on everything north of Soochow Creek. The disposition of this sector is important because in this sector lie the Chinese courts, which are still under Chungking control, despite repeated Japanese efforts to gain control on behalf of the Nanjing regime.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

B.B.C. GOES OFF AIR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 15 (Domet).—The B.B.C. went off the air at 6.30 p.m. to-day when the air raid alarm was sounded in London.

UNHAPPY REPORTS FROM SOMALILAND

Premier Says Position Is "Unsatisfactory"

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill said he had some unsatisfactory news about Somaliland, where "a small British force, which was occupying the Tugargan position in the north-east of Hargeisa, has been driven back by greatly superior Italian forces, amounting to two divisions supported by armed vehicles and considerable artillery."

"As the operations are still in progress, I cannot say any more, but I shall be dealing generally with the eastern situation in my statement next week."

Mr. Churchill announced that he would make a statement on the war situation next Tuesday followed by a public debate.

The House would adjourn next Thursday until September 5.

The war situation will also be discussed in the House of Lords next Tuesday.

Swinton Committee
Replying to questions on the "Swinton Committee," Mr. Churchill Turn to Page 5, Second Column

Was In Dunkirk Evacuation

Information has been received in Hong Kong that Mr. L. F. "Ginger" Payne, who is well known throughout the Far East, especially in Hong Kong and Shanghai, was one of the evacuees with the B.E.F. at Dunkirk. During the evacuation, however, he received a splinter wound in the head and is now in hospital.

Mr. Payne was with the S.M.C. in Shanghai. He was home on leave last year when war broke out and immediately joined the Royal Artillery.

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- All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Months to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes—10x12, 10x20, 12x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Hongkong, August 14, 1940.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Effective September 15, 1940, freight rates in tariff No. 7 will be increased by approximately 10%. An amended tariff is being issued.

Hongkong, August 13, 1940.

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY HOSTEL

The new term of the French Convent School will begin on September 9, at 8.30 a.m. The registration of new students is taking place from now on every day between 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., and the Entrance Examination will be held on September 5, at 9 a.m.

Our Lady's Hall, 8 Po Shan Road, is now open to receive University Lady Students for the first term of the academic year, beginning on September 9.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to the War Fund of the S. C. M. Post, Ltd.

A total of \$1,307,574.84 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd. This includes an amount of \$907.63 forwarded by Mr. M. F. Key, Hon. Secretary of the British Empire Fair Committee of 1939. In a covering letter he explained that the Committee, with the consent of the Hongkong Government, which had made a monetary grant for the Fair, had decided to vote the unexpended balance of the money in hand to the S. C. M. Post War Fund, it being felt that as the money was raised in the first instance for purposes beneficial to the British Empire, it would be in line with the intention of the donors to have it put to use in this manner. The suggestion of this nature, held locally, could be similarly donated to the S. C. M. Post War Fund.

Prince Starhemberg Fights For Allies

LONDON, Aug. 16 (Reuter).—In a written reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, stated that Prince Starhemberg was in the French Air Force and is now a member of the Free French Air Force under General de Gaulle.

Compulsory Service

Thirty-six Cases Before Tribunal Yesterday

A public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal was held at the Colonial Secretariat yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice E. H. Williams. Other members were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Commander W. P. McCarthy, R.N., Captain I. D. H. Helby, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, B.A.O., and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess, Clerk to the Tribunal.

Of 36 cases down for hearing the following assignments were made:—A Group (Combatant) ten; B Group (Key-Post) seven; C Group (Essential Services) ten; D Group (Non-essential Services) nine. There was one case left over for further consideration, and six persons were absent.

Messrs. J. L. Farrar, 27, A. J. Stephens, 28, and G. Wiloughby, 30, were all allocated to Essential Services at the request of the Director of Medical Services as they had pharmaceutical knowledge.

Mr. H. Lacey, Dockyard policeman, aged 50, said he had that afternoon joined the Armoured Car Company. The Chairman remarked that at this age the Board had no power to transfer him to the Combatant Group, but he had elected to go of his own accord.

Mr. C. Young, 40, Dockyard policeman at Kowloon Wharf, was assigned to Essential Services. Mr. E. M. Baynes, 29, and Mr. R. M. Cherry, 31, shift engineers, were assigned to the Key-Post Group. Mr. Cherry stated that he was employed with the Hongkong Electric Company which organised drills for its employees.

Another engineer, Mr. M. T. Love, 49, of the Tolkoo Sugar Refinery power station, was informed that his case would be considered later.

Messrs. R. G. Adams, 26, C. T. Eager, 33, J. C. Fenton, 18, W. R. Greenhalgh, 41, A. P. Maher, 39, and F. A. Rapp, 18, stated that they had no objection to joining the Combatant Group and they were assigned accordingly.

Messrs. Rapp and Fenton were described as students, the latter stating that he had pursued medical studies for one year.

Visitor From Shanghai

Mr. E. S. Williams, 23, said he had come from Shanghai and did not expect to be in Hongkong more than three or four months during which time he was taking a course in wireless telegraphy.

The Chairman said he considered that even for this short time it was worth while giving him a uniform and training. He would be assigned to the Combatant Group but would have no difficulty in getting permission to leave the Colony when he wished to do so.

Mr. N. Kim, 20, told the Board that he had joined the Police Reserve and had already done four drills.

The Chairman said he considered that the Combatant Group was more important and he would be assigned to that Group now as he had not done much training with the Police Reserve. Mr. Kim assented.

Dr. S. M. Bard, 24, told the Board that he had joined the Volunteers. The Chairman said in that case he should not have been required to attend at the Tribunal.

Mr. C. W. L. Brigham, 46, said his age had been wrongly given to the Tribunal as 42. He had his naval papers with him and would prefer to be given a naval post, preferably with pay, since he was unemployed.

The Board assigned Mr. Brigham to Essential Services and he was told he could apply for release any time he obtained a naval job.

Mr. N. C. Barber, 41, who was in the Volunteers previously, Mr. H. G. Evans, 51, coal merchant, who is a member of the Naval Dockyard Fire Section, Mr. G. Fish, 52, marine engineer, and Mr. J. Ross, engineer, were all assigned to Essential Services.

Mr. F. J. Hunt, 19, said he had been allowed to resign from the Volunteers on medical grounds. He was assigned to Essential Services and told to inform his superior that he should not undertake exacting work.

Already An A.R.P. Warden

Mr. W. J. D. Passmore, 18, and in the "City" health category, told the Board he was studying privately. He had no objection to joining the Volunteers, but he had been an A.R.P. Warden since the beginning of the year and had been mobilised. The Board decided to leave him in the Essential Services.

Mr. D. M. Campbell, 49, said he was Assistant Marine Supervisor of the China Navigation Company and had to watch work done on his Company's ships at the Tolkoo Dockyard.

It was remarked that there was an anti-aircraft gun at the Dockyard and Mr. Campbell might be trained with it. He was assigned to the Key-Post Group.

Mr. F. R. Garalde, 30, Captain of an Imperial Airways plane, was assigned to Key-Post Group.

Mr. D. Mitchell, 49, Assistant Manager of Cable and Wireless, was assigned to Key-Post Group.

Mr. C. H. Mackay, 38, produced a letter from his Company and was similarly assigned.

Mr. S. P. Zavarukhin, 29, showed a letter from the Dairy Farm Com-

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

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INVASION PLANS

Germany First Seeks Air Supremacy

Berlin, Aug. 15. After granting written appointments to nine newly-created Marshals, Hitler on Wednesday night continued his conference with military leaders, including Marshal Goering. It is understood that the present series of military conferences is devoted to the formulation of plans for military operations against Britain.

Military observers here assert that the German Air Force will continue its concentrated attacks on the harbours and air bases in England for a longer and longer period in order to weaken the British Air Force. They point out that decisive landing operations will be carried out when Germany is convinced that command of the air has been secured.

In an attempt to detract from the strength of the British Air Force, the German Air Force will change its objectives from the coastal harbours to air bases.

Peace Movement Hoped For
German leaders are apparently still looking forward to the growth of an anti-war atmosphere in the British Government, according to observers here.

Mr. Churchill refuses to abandon resistance. Hitler will bring his speed craft into action to carry out the long-prepared landing operations.

At least 200,000 men are considered necessary in order to make the attempt effective. German transports will start not only from Belgium, Holland and France, but also from Denmark and Norway. German paratroopers will attempt to land in Ireland to support the attacks on the British Isles in the rear—Domest.

Germany Bans Dancing

LONDON, Aug. 15. The people in Germany are waiting in suspense to know whether the attack on Britain has already started or whether it is about to start. Neutral correspondents say that the Germans are planning all their hopes on the attack because of their desperate desire for peace before winter and because the R.A.F. raids are having a serious effect on public morale.

From to-day dancing is forbidden in Germany. There was a similar prohibition at the beginning of the war on the western front, but this was relaxed some time ago. Censorship has been tightened and there is a delay in the publication of news; both these measures were also apparent during other big German operations.—Reuter Bulletin.

Schedule Out Of Joint

LONDON, Aug. 15. According to Nazi threats uttered in the month of May the war was to have been over by mid-August with England invaded and conquered. According to a persistent rumour August 15 was appointed by Hitler for the triumphal entry of the Germans into London.

The forecast was received by the world with scepticism; elsewhere than in Britain this was tinged with anxiety. In Germany, where the prophesies were taken seriously, it must by now have become apparent that Hitler's time table has failed.

This failure was the subject of much Press comment to-day. The News Chronicle stated:—"The next time the Nazis seek to win the battle in a war of nerves by prophesying war for Britain to schedule let us remember what did not happen on August 15."—British Wireless.

NAVAL YARD PAY

Reply to Letter From Hongkong Masters

Sir Robert Gower, K.C.V.O., the Member for Gillingham, who is Chairman of the Naval Dockyards Committee of the House of Commons, recently received a letter from a representative of the First Class Masters and First Class Engineers, employed at Hongkong, relative to their pay. Sir Robert immediately took the matter up with the Admiralty, and he has now received the following letter from the Civil Lord of the Admiralty:

With reference to your enquiry about the First Class Masters and First Class Engineers at Hongkong, I am sorry to say that the question of their assimilation into the new wage scale has been a very long time before a decision has been reached. The matter has, however, been settled by now and new arrangements have been authorised by which the pay of the First Class Masters and First Class Engineers of Yard Craft who are now serving abroad will be assimilated to the new salary scale with effect from the same date as that on which the assimilation of the members of those grades serving at home was approved.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary quoted yesterday says: Market is quiet coupled with the absence of any noticeable feature.

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Lost His Temper

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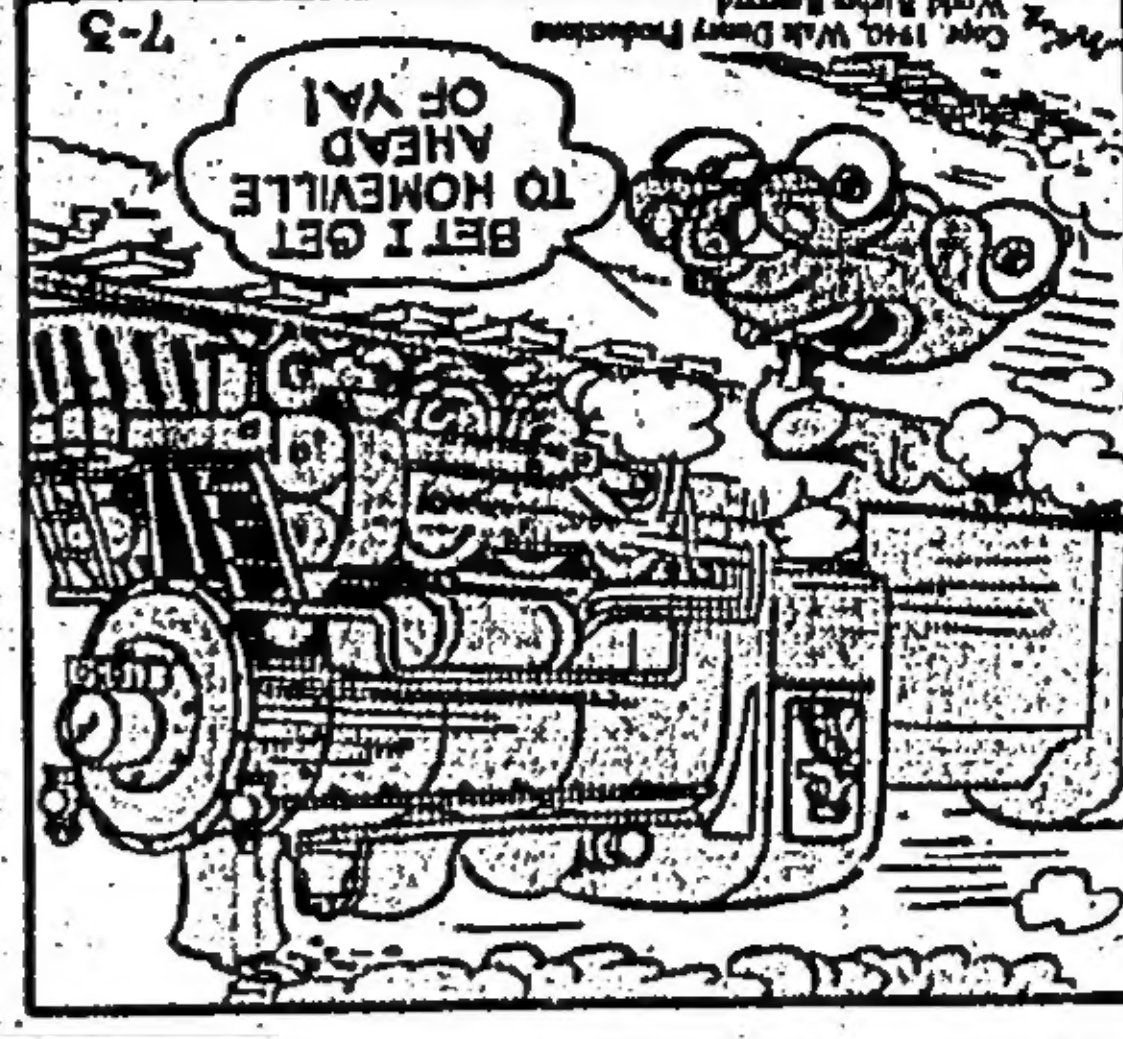
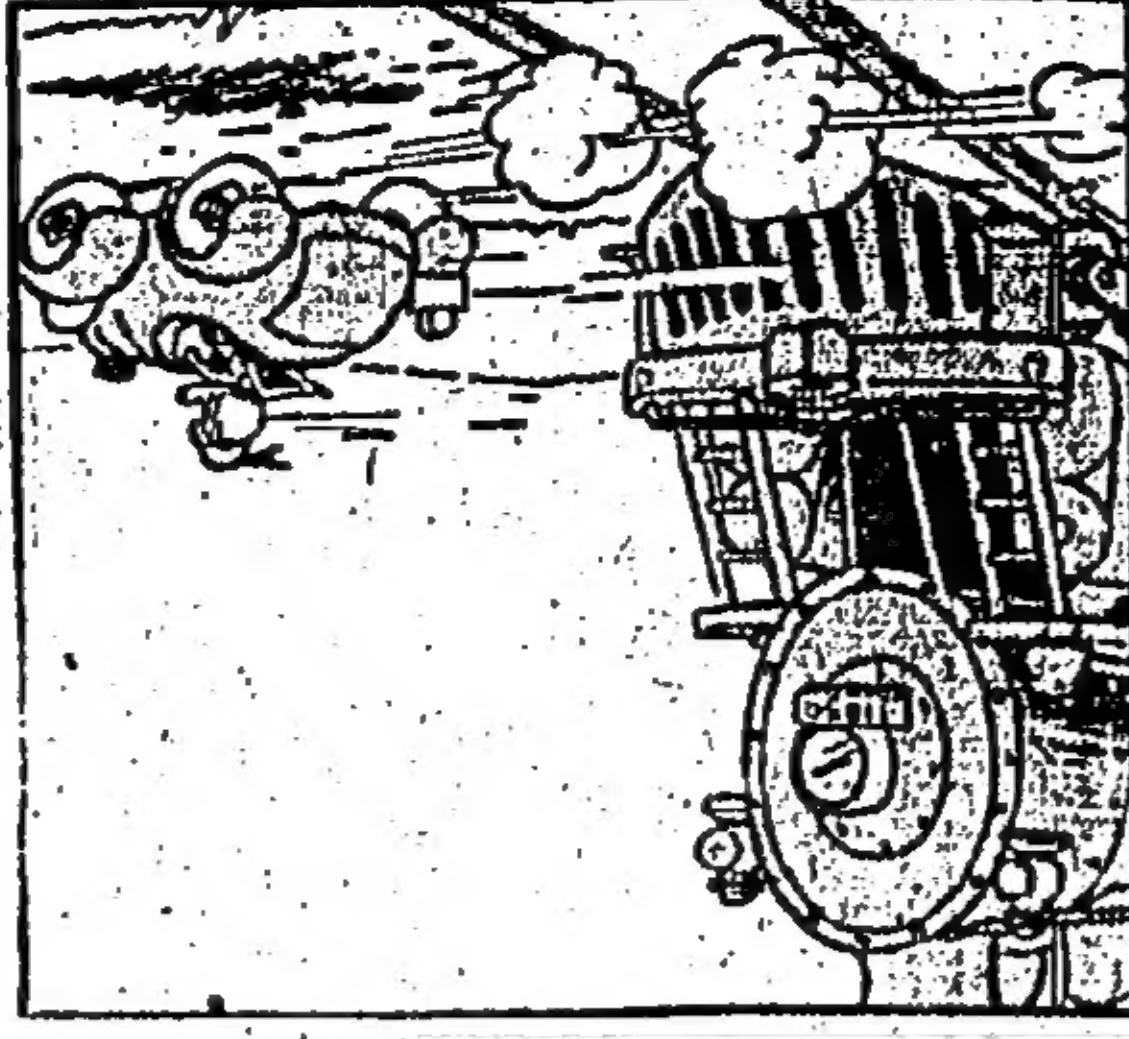
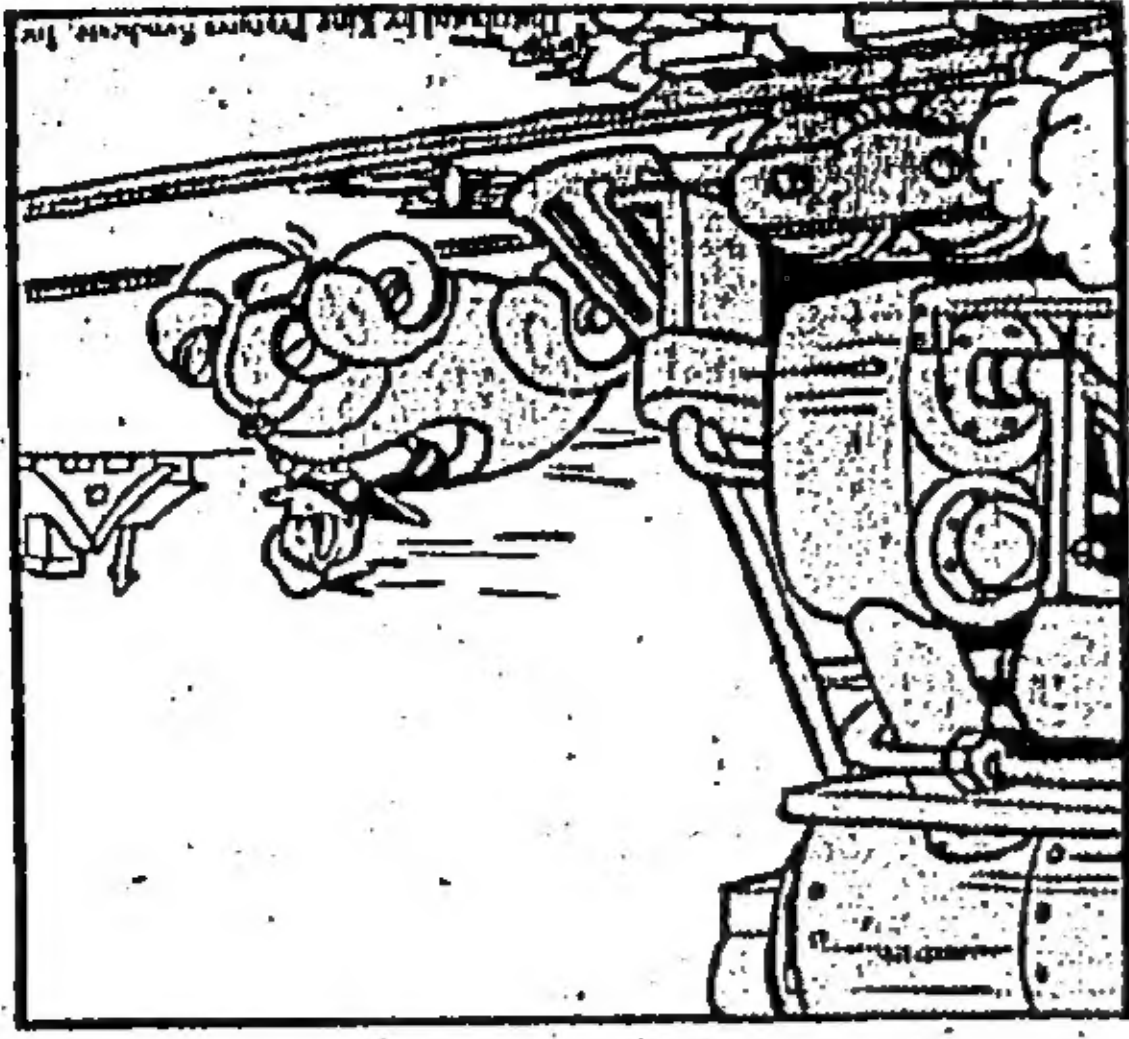
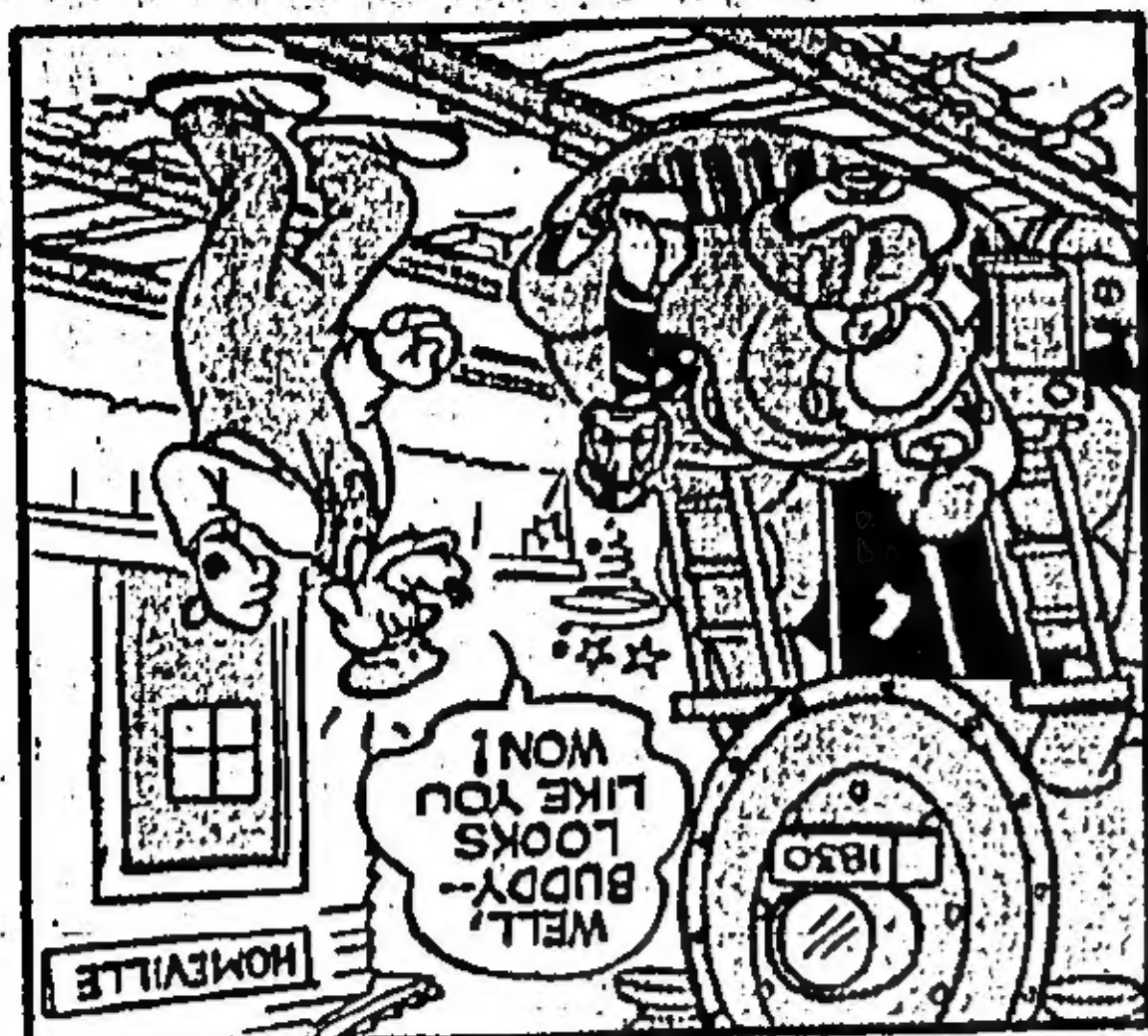
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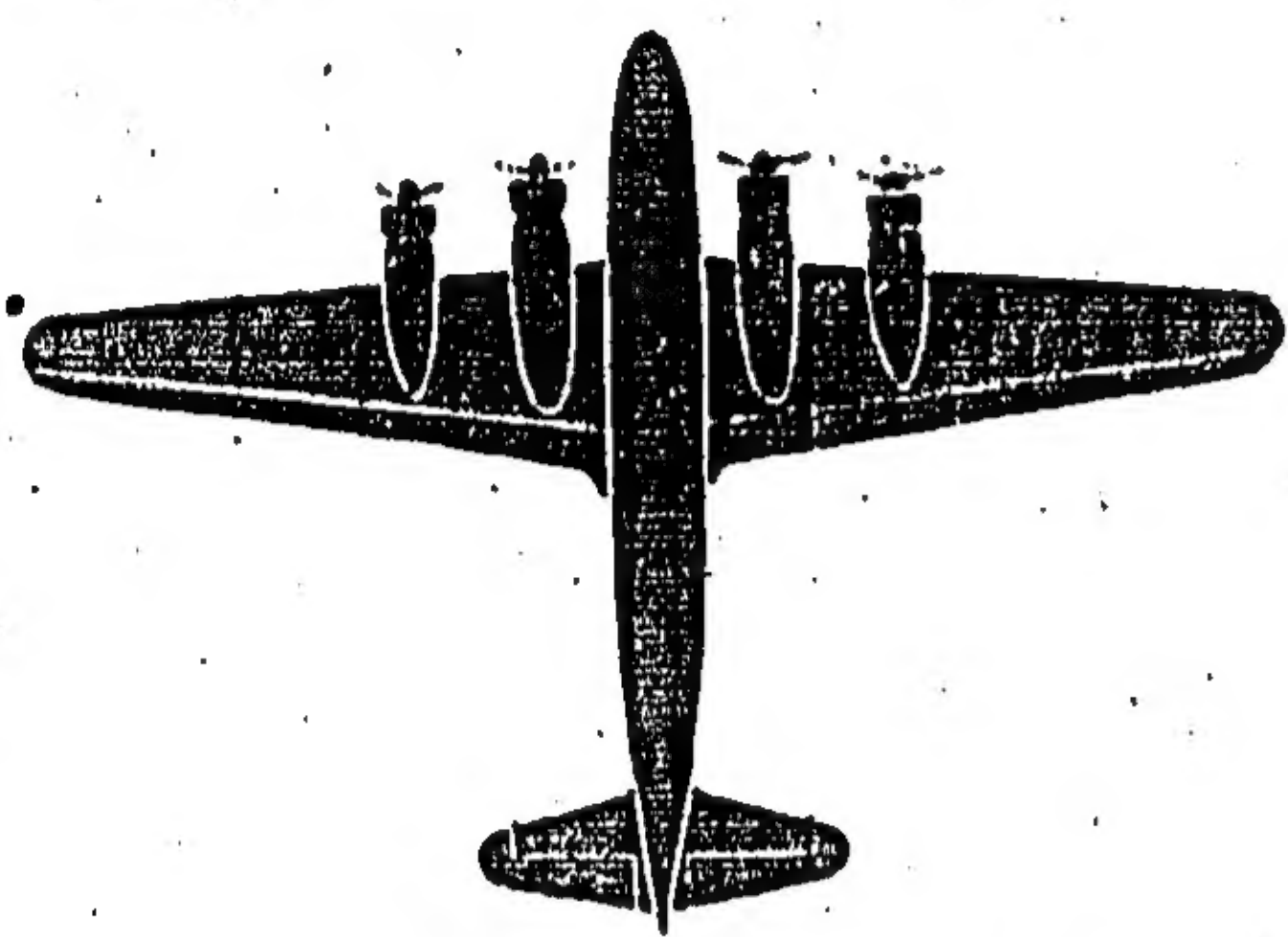
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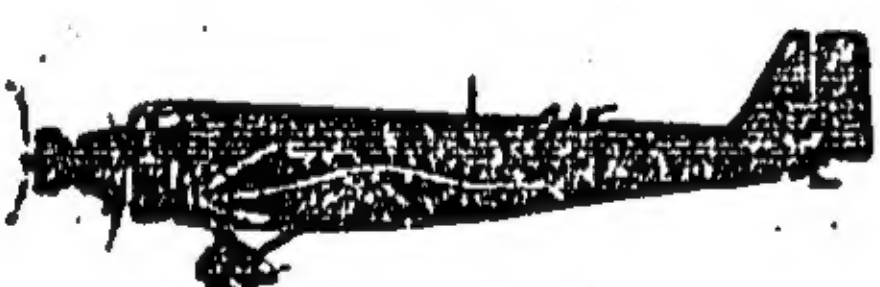
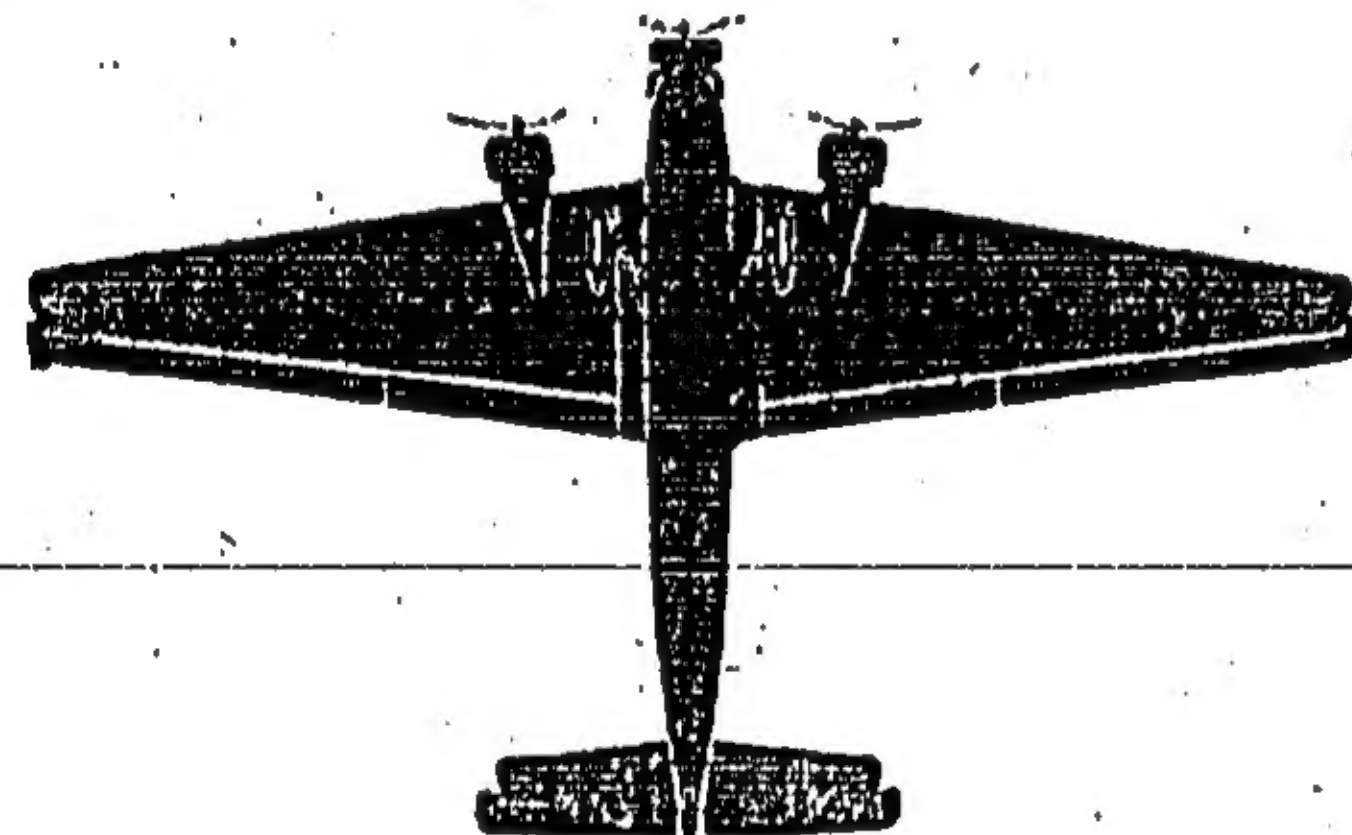
MAGAZINE PAGE

These are Nazi Planes

The British Government is issuing these plans of German planes so that the public may learn to recognise them.



(Above) The Focke-Wulf 20 "Condor" has a span of 108ft., a length of 78ft. Distinctive features: Four engines, low wing, single rudder, tapered wing, rounded wing tips and tail plane, retractable undercarriage, smooth streamlined fuselage. (Below) The Junker Ju 52 has span of 90ft., length 62ft. Distinctive features: Three engines, low wing, single square-cut rudder, sharply tapered wings, square-cut wing tips and tail plane, fixed undercarriage. This is the most important German troop carrier and normally used for parachute dropping.



ONE TOUCH ON THE BUTTON...

IN a matter of seconds this British bomber will be over its objective. The man at the bomb sights is ready for action; see the thumb of his right hand there on the press-button control, like the bell-push you have beside your bed when you are in hospital.

The moment he pushes that little button his bomb load is instantly released—maybe one bomb: maybe two or three at once. And that's where the bomber pilot has to be on the alert. His machine carries anything up to 18cwt. of bombs distributed evenly under the wing on either side of the fuselage. You've seen probably in a big hall or a cinema a control panel carrying perhaps a dozen electric light switches. It's a panel like that which the pilot has to watch in releasing his bombs.

The raid works this way. The pilot (top back in Artist Haworth's sketch) is in complete and constant telephonic touch with his man at the bombsights (in the foreground). This man sees their target moving slowly into range. Warns the pilot how they're progressing, a few more thousand yards and that will do it. The pilot pulls a lever in his cockpit: lets down the bomb doors. Now comes the switchboard. He'll let the Nazis have three to be going on with. Down go bomb switches 1, 3, and 5.

THAT means those three bombs—only those three—are ready for release. He gives the O.K. to the man at the sights. It's up to him now. When he presses that button with his right thumb away they go, and up lurches the plane. The pilot has to be ready for that. A tricky business.



Now what about the man at the sights? Let us look at him and his job in detail. He is now lying full length on the floor adjusting his sighting apparatus as he watches the target through the safety-glass window below him.

The whole success of the raid depends on this man's calculations. The pilot follows his directions word by word.

First they must steady the plane as much as anti-aircraft shells and searchlights and Nazi fighters (if any) will allow. Then the man at the sights sets the scale A, and the speed by height of the plane on the screw C. Next he adjusts the screw D on the wind-speed bar and the foresight F is brought into correct position.

So far so good. Now the tail drift must be calculated and the tail-drift bar, just below the letter F, has also to be set. All the while the bomber man is watching his compass E and guiding the pilot accordingly.

One further check-up through backsight B and foresight F, and then the instant the target appears between the two arrows G home goes that right thumb on the button and away go the bombs.

If all the calculations have been correct, they're dead on the mark.

Charlie Bans Chaplin!

CHARLES CHAPLIN has obtained an injunction against the distribution of 2,200,000 copies of "Life" magazine, which contain a full-page picture of him as "The Dictator," not yet authorised for publication.

Judge Knox granted the injunction after the comedian brought a suit for £20,000 against the publishers. The judge ruled that 1,000,000 copies of the magazine already in the hands of newspapers might be sold, but the rest, printed but unshipped, must be scrapped.

Chaplin's case was that the photograph would interfere with the profits of the forthcoming film "The Dictator" by premature exploitation of the central character.

Daily Quotation

LET US be true: this is the highest maxim of art and of life, the secret of eloquence and virtue, and of all moral authority.—AMIEL'S JOURNAL.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"I don't know nothin' about fish, young feller an' artist's model!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LAURE MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Entertain a notion

2—A day

3—Polymath food-

4—Spends

5—Show to be true

6—Up of

7—Flat plate

8—One who wanders

9—From

10—Became acquainted

11—With

12—Ever after

13—Moving picture

14—Kind of grain (pl.)

15—Tribal substance

16—Fasteners

17—The "shore man"

18—State

19—Fertile spot on

20—Cover with gray

21—While cooking

22—Bent (shoots)

23—Lies sharply

24—Matters hole in

25—Measure

26—Presents three

27—Popular mass of ice

28—Lies

29—Leavens to state

30—Turn back

31—Combining forms

32—Board ship

33—Aching feeling

34—In vicinity of

35—Irregularly toothed

36—Circle (poetic)

DOWN

1—Stuck evenly

2—Shilling

3—Continuous dred

4—Soluble fruit

5—State with convic-

6—Rising vapor

7—Short sleep

8—State as disposition

9—Crisp up

10—French short story

11—Slideways of

12—Great lavender

13—Punish bones

14—Custom

15—Mute reference

16—Ladies

17—Former American

18—Mixes dark

19—In economical

20—Fright

21—Strided as

22—Veiling dead

23—Vehicle for con-

24—Wind up on spot

25—Bain

26—Guilty crime

27—Nothing but

28—Money deposited for

29—Release of prisoner

30—Faint

31—Historical duration

32—Audible body

33—Center of solar

34—Strain

35—Whirl track

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God Helps Those . . .

By RICHARD HUGHES

The famous author of "High Wind in Jamaica" lives in a small English village. He describes here what such small villages should do in preparation for the blitzkrieg.

A RECENT article gave an account of the organisation of a certain L.D.V. platoon in a country district. Here are two other suggestions to the villages of Great Britain for their defence against air-attack—this time, their civil defence.

For those who live in rural areas have got to realise that no centralised A.R.P. scheme, however well devised, can serve so completely as it can serve a more thickly populated area.

That is because of the vital factor of time.

It may take the fire-engine or the ambulance half an hour to arrive, at the very least; and in half an hour a fire may gain a fatal hold on a whole village; and women can be died to death.

MANY villages have already their voluntary dressing stations and stretcher parties; and if these have been properly organised and practised, well and good; but to those villages who have not got them it cannot be urged too strongly that they be organised at once.

Remember that if there is one casualty in a village from air attack there will likely enough be a dozen or more; so make your plans accordingly, don't base them on the peace-time likelihood of a single accident at a time.

Practise your stretcher drill, know beforehand where your dressing station is to be. Know where you can get blankets and hot water if need arises. Get the

local carpenter to make stretchers and splints now, and (if you cannot afford to lay in a large supply of bandages and dressings) at least ask the local chemist to make sure that his own reserves would cover an emergency.

FEWER villages, however, are properly organised to resist fire. Yet fire is one of the greatest dangers the village has to face; and it is one in which preparedness can be of the greatest value. For speed is the first essential in fire-fighting: it counts before every other factor.

A bucket of water, properly applied in the first five minutes, can do more to save the village from burning down than a whole city fire brigade arriving an hour later!

In the large village where I live, we organised five "Fire Watcher Parties" (each equipped with four buckets and a stirrup-pump) as long ago as September 9 of last year.

Each party has its own section of the village to look after; but a messenger system has also been thoroughly practised, and by it any number of parties can be concentrated on one fire (or transferred if a new one breaks out) by orders from the Wardens' Post.

FOR smaller villages, perhaps, nothing quite so elaborate is necessary. But there should not be a village in the country without one or two such parties; and I cannot urge too strongly that some responsible person in every village should buy A.R.P. Handbook No. 9, "Incendiary Bombs and Fire Equipment," published by H.M. Stationery Office at 6d., and read it.

Only a little common sense is needed to adapt the "Fire Watcher Parties," there envisaged for factories and institutions, to village needs.

In these pages, too, will be found all information essential to the training of the amateur village fireman. Verbal instruction by professionals (though valuable where it can be had) is not really necessary.

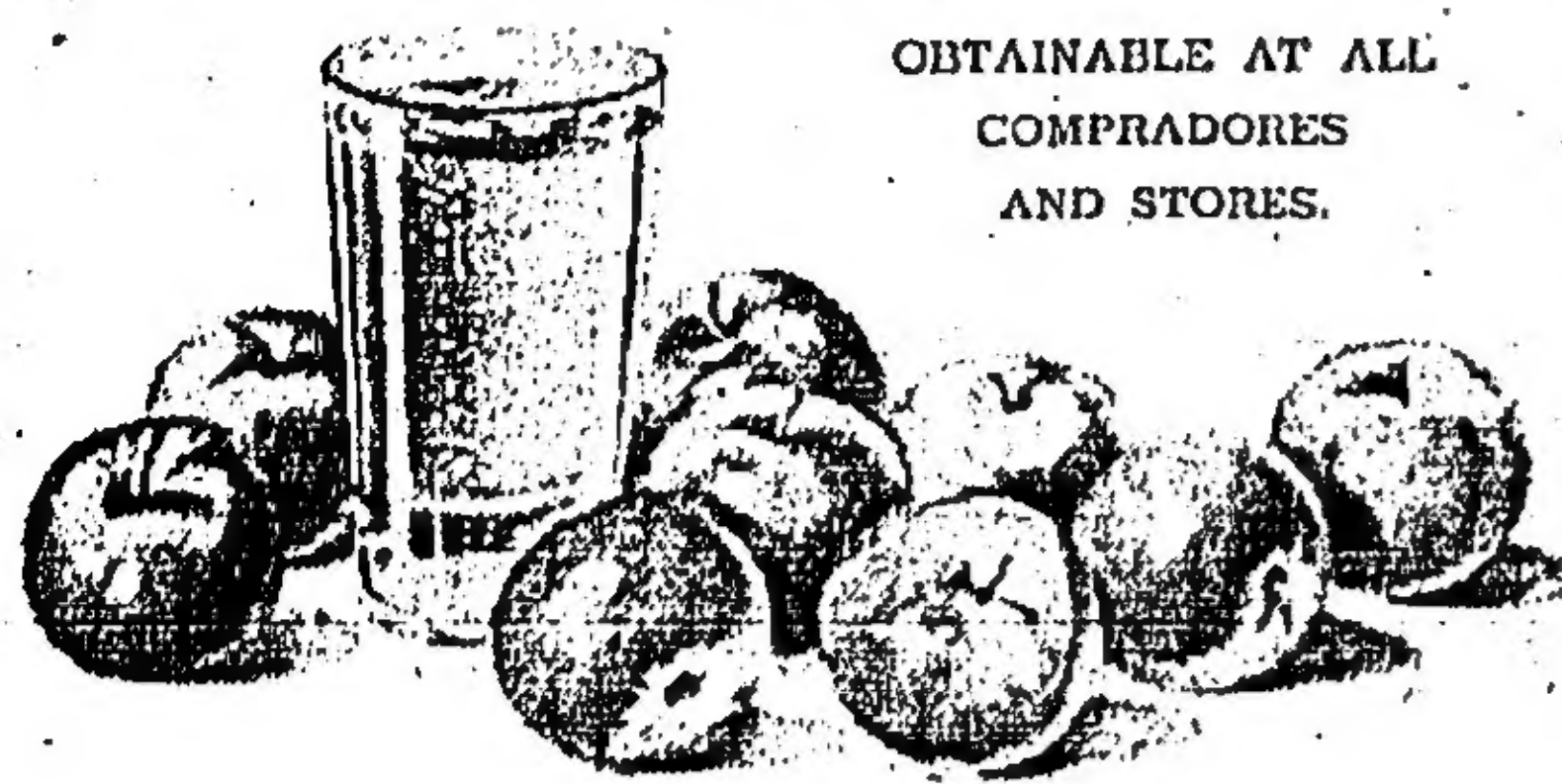
Study the theory; practise your pump-drill; and then concentrate on the watch-word "Speed," doubly important when your equipment is so light—and practise until you have eliminated every possible second of delay.

Work out, moreover, a messenger system in conjunction with your A.R.P. wardens and stretcher parties: for when the time comes you will all have to work together. And take this as your village motto: **GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.**

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The Good Work Continues

Now that the attention of the world is being directed towards the daily and almost continuous air raids by German planes on Britain, the nightly raids by the R.A.F. over Germany and German occupied territories are perhaps in danger of being overlooked.

The immense value of these raids carried out persistently and regularly is a very vital factor in the ultimate victory of Great Britain, and Germany knowing this, is desperately endeavouring by false figures and exaggerated statements to hide from her people and from the world generally what is happening.

What is exactly taking place? Every night for the past two months when weather conditions permitted, R.A.F. bombers and fighters have been attacking Germany's vital industries as well as military objectives in German occupied territory. The success of these attacks was made possible by the reconnaissance flights carried out during the past eight months which familiarised the pilots with the terrain. While it is impossible to give details of the damage done, the R.A.F. pilots who are, incidentally, told not to unload their bombs if visibility is unfavourable, have dropped 32,000 bombs on Germany, the German 7,000 over Britain.

Each R.A.F. bomb has been directed against military or industrial points, whereas the German raiders unload their bombs apparently without any particular objective, bombs falling in open fields or on civilian houses or villages.

That the damage done by the R.A.F. is extremely serious is shown by the fact that, according to neutral observers, the bigger industrial works in the Ruhr are to be moved piecemeal to safer places in or near Czechoslovakia. This step, which must inevitably dislocate the output for many weeks, would naturally not be undertaken at a time like this if necessity did not call for it. The port of Hamburg has been described by neutral observers as "devasted"; oil plants at Hanover have been set on fire as well as numerous military and industrial centres in other parts destroyed or badly damaged.

As the "New York Times" recently stated: "There has been no persistent German attack comparable to the relentless British hammering of great railway yards in the Ruhr and Rhineland and no sign of serious interruption of British aircraft production."

Germany's efforts to disguise the truth from her people by minimising her losses and exaggerating those of Great Britain are undertaken, not only to stiffen the morale of their own population, but to restrain any attempt on the part of the occupied territories to free themselves from an unbearable yoke. The German navy with Hitler's mad invasion of



ROOSEVELT

At no time perhaps in the whole history of this country has there been graver need for its leaders and its people to understand clearly the principles and policies which are guiding the Government of the United States in its relations with other countries, particularly with those European countries now at war.

Upon what the United States and those who guide its foreign policy can, may or will do during the coming weeks and months of this desperate summer may depend the eventual victory or defeat of the Allies. (On that, again, may, of course, depend the future security of the United States and all the Americas whose protection is the responsibility of the United States. But that is another story.)

American public opinion—the final limiting check on both American foreign and domestic policy—is moving rapidly. How it moves depends on events in Europe, on what is done and said by the leaders and peoples of the countries at war. In the present highly sensitised state of American opinion, a clumsy word or act, perhaps spoken or done in all good faith but in ignorance of American aims and ideals, might do irreparable harm.

An informal and unsystematic survey of the growth and trends of American foreign policy since Munich switched its current from negative to positive has recently been published in the United

Norway, was to all intents and purposes destroyed, so that the German Fuehrer to-day has to depend almost entirely upon the aid of his air force in conquering Britain. Every indication of inferiority—indications which have been greatly in evidence during the past week—helps to strengthen the spirits of the conquered peoples and must at the same time tend to dampen the ardour of his friends.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY

By the Diplomatic Correspondent

CORDELL HULL

States by two young Washington newspapermen, Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner. It has been titled—"A little misleadingly"—"American White Paper."

We are accustomed to thinking of "white papers" as State documents, dry, precise, more than a little dull. "American White Paper" is, by contrast, journalistically bright, and breezy. It describes, for instance, the breakfast-time conferences on foreign affairs between Roosevelt, Hull and Welles in the President's bedroom, which Roosevelt in bed, "comfortable against his pillows, with the morning papers in a tangle beside him, would start by reading a few sentences from the cable lying among the remains of his breakfast on the tray across his knees."

For these sessions he used to wear a peculiar small cap of blue flannel trimmed and monogrammed with red braid, like an expensive summer horse-blanket. When the discussion grew serious the cap would slip off his pyjamaed shoulder, for he would gesture energetically, waving his cigarette

holder or tapping the cable "telling of the approach of world catastrophe."

But for all its light touch "American White Paper" is a serious, searching document. Nor is its title so misleading after all, for careful study of it reveals that its authors must have had access to much inside knowledge, so much that one wonders if its publication did not have, if not official inspiration, at least official blessing.

At any rate they give a clear and demonstrably authentic picture of how the principles underlying American policy towards the Second World War were evolved against the opposing pressures of events abroad and internal politics by the policy's formulators, the President chiefly, assisted by his Secretary of State, "good grey Cordell Hull," and the two Under-Secretaries, Sumner Welles and Adolph Berle, Jun.

These principles the authors summarise as follows:

"1. 'Only by disarmament and an opening of trade can the world return to common sense.' (President Roosevelt.)

"2. 'Neutrals are parties at interest in a modern war, and particu-

larly in the post-war settlement.' (Sumner Welles.) They therefore have the right to intervene, at an appropriate time, in behalf of a world return to common sense.

"3. While no political commitments may be made outside the Western Hemisphere, economic commitments, looking towards a stable world economy, are both permissible and necessary. These economic commitments, which may entail considerable short-term sacrifices by the United States and other neutrals, will be the belligerents' reward for accepting the neutrals' intervention.

"4. Since victorious dictatorships would not conceivably join in disarmament and an opening of trade, the democracies are to be aided by 'methods short of war.'

"5. 'Whatever happens, we won't send troops abroad.' (President Roosevelt.) But this appears to be the only definite limitation on the kinds of aid for the democracies which 'methods short of war' can be stretched to include."

THE authors show how the President and his aides have applied these principles to the day-to-day relations of the United States to the warring Powers, and the efforts they have made, within the framework of those principles, to work for peace and the prevention of the spread of war.

They also show—and this is vital information for those unfamiliar with the workings of the U.S. governmental machinery—how the President is limited in the forms those efforts can take by the Constitutional and political checks on the Presidential power.

A French diplomat who spent many years in Washington was fond of saying that at least once a month in his reports to his Foreign Minister he had to use the phrase: "Le President propose, le Senat dispose."

THE President and his State Department may make the foreign policy of the United States. But the Senate, representing the people of the United States, decides whether or not he may carry it out. Public opinion, as expressed through the Senators, is the final arbiter. How and why that is so is, for us, perhaps, the most important and valuable instruction the authors of "American White Paper" have given.

'La Libre Belgique'

"A GERMAN" officer now edits the Brussels paper *Soir*. And so we learn that another eight million people, after the swift horror of Goering's bombs, are to be bludgeoned and dragged by Goebbels. Or has a new *La Libre Belgique* already appeared? We may not know for a long time.

Last time the technique was less efficient; for a while Belgian papers maintained some independence, but the grip tightened and there was no news but rumour and propaganda. And *La Libre Belgique* was born on February 1, 1915.

A flimsy little paper, flimsily announcing that its appearance would be "regularly irregular," its telephonic number that of the German commandant. It gave news of the world outside the German pale, of the Belgian Army fighting the invaders, of the might that was ranging itself against the enemy, it made fun of the German administration and brought comfort and news of the country into the hands of Belgian homes isolated by the blackout of occupation.

It felt, hunted and proscribed it continued publication throughout the war, the hundred and seventy-first number appeared on November 12, 1918. The men who produced it were not professional conspirators, but doctors, teachers, priests, clerks, printers and so on. They improvised out of the quiet

unadventurous routine of their lives a struggle and ingenuity greater than any criminal achieves. Copy was smuggled out of gas, printing presses transferred from one building to another under the eyes of German troops. After months of patient work the secret police arrested the whole staff, the paper was finally suppressed. Yet 12 days later a new issue lay on the desk of Brussels' German Governor and no one knew whence it came, only that *La Libre Belgique* continued. But all the ingenuity and courage which went to produce the paper would have served for nothing if it had not been for the hundreds of distributors who littered every lane throughout the country. They worked alone and in constant danger; as one was caught another took his place. They were ordinary people, the common people, who kept alive hope and belief in a freedom and liberty of which, perhaps, they had never been conscious till it was taken from them.

In many countries to-day there are thousands who fight the same oppression grown ever more ruthless; unknown, solitary and with but one certainty—torment and death when they are caught. The story of *La Libre Belgique* shows the immense reserves which freedom and liberty build and against which no tyranny can prevail.

D.S.M.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"What type does your husband like, Madam? The snicker or the belly-laugh?"

Strengths Of The Belligerent Navies

	Gr. Britain	Germany & Italy
Battleships	21	10
Cruisers (Heavy and Light)	80	38
Aircraft carriers	11	2
Destroyers	195	160 (?)
Submarines	65	704 (?)
Various smaller craft, including highspeed motor torpedo boats	35	121 (?)

AT the present time Germany can probably muster the following ships: Four 35,000 tons, two 25,000 tons, armed respectively with 15in. and 11in. guns, and the notorious pocket battleships Deutschland and Admiral Scheer.

Shortly after the war began she was completing two large aircraft carriers of nearly 20,000 tons of high speed and strongly protected, and also supposed to carry 40 aircraft. It was assumed that these vessels were designed mainly for commerce raiding, though nothing has been heard of them up to now officially.

She also has four 10,000-ton heavy cruisers mounting 8in. guns and two or four so-called light cruiser class are the Nuremberg and Leipzig, and the notorious pocket battleships averaging 6,000 tons, all of which are armed with 5in. guns.

Germany began the war with 20 heavy destroyers, but at least eight of these were smashed up at Narvik or elsewhere. Of her original 70 destroyers so many have been lost that it would be idle to compute her present total. She had in the beginning about 40 to 50 high-speed motor-boats but how many of these survive is still a puzzle.

On the outbreak of war Germany had about 70 submarines of various sizes and types, but so

heavy were casualties in the first three months that it is estimated that she lost 40 to 50 per cent. of her boats, with the result that in spite of intensive construction she is still probably weaker in submarine strength than she was ten months ago.

Italy's main strength at sea resides, or shortly will reside, in eight battleships, of which four are now and of 35,000 tons with a speed of 30 knots, a main armament of nine 15in. guns and very heavy protection.

It is claimed that these ships will be the latest and most efficient battleships in the world, and except Roma their names commemorate the alleged great victories in Italy of the last war. Her other four battleships were laid down before the last war and although thoroughly modernised cannot be compared in fighting power with their four later sisters. Besides these heavyweights, Italy has four well-armed cruisers mounting 8in. guns, which I have visited and found excellent ships. This, indeed, might be said of cruiser construction in general, for which Italy does seem to have a genius. Taken in all, the Italian cruiser fleet, heavy and light, numbered 25 and undoubtedly represents a force to be reckoned with, well built and well equipped.

HECTOR BYWATER

HOW HELLE WAS SUNK

Casualties Aboard Greek Cruiser

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A man was killed, 29 were injured aboard and one woman on shore died of wounds and shock when the Greek cruiser Helle, 2,600 tons, was sunk by an unknown submarine as she lay at anchor off an island in the Aegean Sea.

Three torpedoes were fired. Two missed the ship and hit a quay crowded with pilgrims.

The third struck her engine room. She sank about an hour later.

Early Morning Attack

The attack was made about 8.20 a.m. The cruiser was at anchor, dressed over all as part of the celebrations of the Feast of Assumption, one of the most important holidays of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Every year pilgrims flock to the island and thousands of sick and paralysed are taken to the festival. Presumably it was a party of these who were on the quay.

General Metaxas, the Greek dictator, immediately summoned correspondents to hear the official account. A strict censorship was imposed.

STAGGERING NAZI AIR LOSSES

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guarantee had been intercepted by R.A.F. fighters inland.

"Reuters" correspondent on the south coast describes thrilling duels between Messerschmitts attacking barrage balloons and Spitfire avengers.

The first Nazi to attack the barrage balloons dived so low that the crosses on their wings were clearly visible from the ground as they blazed away with all their guns.

A balloon caught fire and fell, but as the raider was climbing back into the sky, an anti-aircraft gun got a direct hit on the plane, which crashed in flames in the sea while the waterscrews cheered themselves hoarse.

This was one of the many similar incidents repeated throughout the day.

Twenty bombers who attacked a south-eastern town missed the gun-works but hit some houses. Mixed with the crash of bombs was heard the rattle of machine-gun fire while columns of smoke drifted over the roofs of houses.

At another point, the watchers saw four German raiders out of formation brought down, three after dogfights with British fighters and the fourth by anti-aircraft fire.

Grand Stand View

The first raid in this district was seen by the people living for miles around.

A woman living in a nearby district saw about 30 planes, British and German, in the air at the same time.

Passengers on top of a bus had a grandstand view of the air battle. "As we were going along," writes a "Reuter" reporter, who was on the bus, "we saw two or three dozen planes high up. Suddenly we heard the rattle of machine-guns and anti-aircraft fire."

"Three German machines appeared to be shot down. A group of soldiers cheered each time a raider crashed."

A man who lives near the aerodrome was watching the manoeuvres of nine planes circling high above the air port when "from no where a swarm of machines hurtled out of the sky. There was a terrific noise followed by a hot anti-aircraft barrage."

"Went Off Like Hell"

"After remaining over the spot only a minute or two, the German planes went off like hell with our fighters hot on their heels."

A woman living nearby stated that she heard about ten bombs altogether. The Fire Brigades and ambulances were called.

When the raiders first appeared, buses were running normally but all stopped. After about three-quarters of an hour nearly 20 ambulances went out in the direction of the aerodrome and returned some time later to the Croydon Hospital.

One bomb is thought to have hit a hangar on the outskirts of the aerodrome.

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said he was sorry that questions were asked about this organisation because it made people think that there was something mysterious about it. Nothing could be more straightforward.

About ten weeks ago, after the dark and vile conspiracy which in a few days laid the trustful Butler people at the mercy of Nazi aggression, a wave of alarm passed over the whole country lest the same kind of undermining tactics and treacherous agents of our enemy were at work in our island.

Several branches of the State Departments were of course always charged with the duty of frustrating such designs. Mr. Churchill continued, and he felt in the hour of anxiety that this side of the business of national defence wanted pulling together.

He, therefore, asked Lord Swinton to undertake the task.

Fifth Column Danger

Great improvement had been effected in dealing with the fifth column danger. Mr. Churchill said he was satisfied that it had been reduced to its proper proportions and was being gripped and looked after with very high hands.

It was important that this should be so because although we were very much stronger than in May the danger of invasion had by no means passed away and "we are repeatedly assured by German circles from foreign countries 'about the performance which is about to begin.'" (Laughter).

The Premier had earlier deprecated putting questions on the order paper regarding the Swinton Committee and Mr. A. Hopkinson (Independently) asked if the Government had power to prevent such questions being put on the order paper.

Mr. Hopkinson also referred to the "mystery" attaching to the Committee.

Premier's Rebuke

Mr. Churchill, replying, said "If Mr. Hopkinson had paid half his attention to the full statement he had just made as he did when he was accustomed to obstruct my efforts to get this country defended before the war, he would not have asked that question."

Replying to his first, Mr. Hopkinson asked the Speaker for his protection against "gross lying and innuendo." (Cries of "Withdraw").

Mr. Churchill said that so far from withdrawing he would send Mr. Hopkinson one of his interventions "in which he did his very utmost to discredit me."

THAI RECEIVES DEMANDS

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nations, Great Britain, France, Japan and the U.S.

These treaties replaced older treaties which granted extraterritoriality to third Power subjects. The British treaty was signed on November 23, 1937 and the one with Japan a few weeks earlier. Each abolished extraterritoriality.

For some time it has been rumoured that the treaty between Thailand and Japan has contained secret clauses of a military nature. This rumour, although denied in Bangkok, is alleged to have been fostered by Japan.

The treaty between France and Thailand, which was signed on December 7, 1939, demilitarised the Mekong zone along the Thai-Indo-China frontier for a depth of fifteen miles.

Naval Re-armament

Thailand is a country of 200,000 square miles and has a population of 13,500,000. Its naval rearmament plan instituted three years ago provides for a naval which will be second only to Japan's in the northern Pacific.

Last year two cruisers were ordered from Italy. Delivery cannot be effected, however, owing to the European War. Thailand recently purchased torpedo boats and submarines from Japan—the former have already been delivered.

The Thai State Railways, which are alleged to be the subject of one of the so-called Japanese demands, link Bangkok with Chengmai in the north (near the northern Burma frontier) and with the Malay States frontier in the south. At the frontier, 330 miles from Singapore, the Thai State Railway links up with the Malayan Railway service to Singapore.

GREEK CRUISER TORPEDOED



Mystery surrounds the torpedoing of the Greek cruiser Helle near the island of Tinos, which occurred yesterday during anniversary celebrations. According to a "Reuter" report received this morning it is authoritatively stated in London that no British submarine is operating near Tinos, although it is known that Italian submarines have been in that area recently. Above is a picture of the torpedoed Helle.

U.S. WARSHIPS FOR W. I. CONCESSIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The "New York Post" today prints a story to the effect that negotiations for Britain to receive American destroyers and torpedo-boats in return for concessions to the United States in the West Indies are almost complete.

The story comes from the paper's Washington correspondent, who says that the final decision may be reached within a few days.

According to this correspondent, Britain is reported to have offered the United States a certain British island and the right to construct naval, military or air bases on any British territory in the Western Hemisphere.

Embassy Silent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The British Embassy, when asked about the island story, said it had no statement to make and referred enquirers to the United States Department.

The latter said it knew of no such conversation.

Despite these statements, the belief prevails in well-informed quarters that while formal negotiations may not be going on, the matter may have been broached informally and unofficially.

JOURNEY'S END FOR EVACUEES

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peak camps played capable roles as nursemaids as the voyage came to an end, aiding the weary and slightly homesick mothers with their children.

Before we parted, I interviewed several of the evacuees.

Mrs. W. Stoker was met on arrival by Mr. and Mrs. J. Way, of the Nong-kong Electric Company, who are in Australia on leave.

She told me: "I am glad to be in Melbourne at last. Everything has been wonderfully comfortable aboard the Dutch ships. We transferred from the—another Dutch liner in Sydney."

Mrs. Stoker's small son bore out her testimony and looked the picture of rosy health.

Didn't Like Sydney Harbour. Miss Dorothy Moss said: "The trip was rather uneventful, and I was very disappointed with Sydney Harbour. It isn't as pretty as our Hong-kong Harbour."

I also spoke to Miss Nora White-stone, who has been suffering from ill-health since her departure from Hong-kong, and who was carried off the evacuee ship in a stretcher.

Mrs. Williams, well-known as the manageress of the Caravan in Hong-kong, told me: "I'm glad it's all over. We can settle down to our new homes now after all the hectic happenings of the past few weeks."

Incidentally, the accommodation aboard the Dutch liner arriving in Melbourne, to which the vanguard of the evacuees transferred in Sydney, was not comparable with that provided aboard the first ship.

But nobody minded that. The trip to Australia was delightful, the Dutch officers, kindness personified, and the reception by Australia has quickly dispelled any fears we may have had about the future.

Woman Inaugurates War Plane Fund

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Mrs. Dorothy Clark, born in Grenada, West Indies, now a resident in England and wife of Squadron Leader Clark, is appealing for subscriptions from the girls and women of the Empire named Dorothy to purchase a Spitfire to be named Dorothy Spitfire.

Subscriptions can be remitted through any British bank to Lloyds Bank, Sheffield, England, addressed to Dorothy Spitfire Fund.

Escapes From Nazi Prison Camp

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).

Wing-Commander Basil Edward Embry, the first R.A.F. officer to win two bars to the D.S.O., reported a prisoner of war last month, is now in England, having escaped from a German prison camp.

Germans Machine-Gun Rescuers

Shocking Outrage In English Channel

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué states that when a British motor torpedo-boat went to the rescue of a German pilot who was seen to bale out of his aircraft and come down in the English Channel to-day, it was found that the German pilot, who was wounded, was entangled in his parachute.

One of the crew of the motor torpedo-boat dived overboard to assist in getting the German clear.

Planes Get To Work

While he was thus engaged, the motor torpedo-boat was lying stopped alongside the man in the water, three German seaplanes appeared and machine-gunned the motor torpedo boat and the man in the water from a low altitude.

Three of the crew of the M.T.B. were wounded.

In order to avoid further casualties, the M.T.B. re-embarked the rating from the water and got under way, being forced to leave the wounded German pilot to his fate.

Italians Raid Wajir

NAIROBI, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that yesterday Wajir was bombed by three Caproni aircraft. A number of heavy bombs were dropped, causing no damage.

At the time of the raid, our fighters were in the air and immediately engaged the Capronis which escaped in low clouds.

There was no activity by our ground troops.

Our air reconnaissances penetrated deep into Southern Abyssinia.

More Raids On Reich Territory

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communiqué states that last night strong forces of Air Force aircraft attacked oil reserves and refinery plants in enemy-occupied territory at Blaye, Pauillac and Ambes (on the Gironde Estuary) near Bordeaux.

All three targets were left in flames.

Other forces of bombers attacked railway sidings and a power station at Cologne.

Both yesterday and last night, a number of attacks were made on enemy aerodromes in northern France.

Four of our aircraft are missing.

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countryside, machine-gunning every person it could see.

The two chieftains were killed outright by the flying bullets.

A farm worker was also wounded by bullets from the plane.

Another wave of Nazi bombers flew over the Thames Estuary during the afternoon, but dropped no bombs. They were quickly chased off by anti-aircraft fire and Spitfires.

Nine Planes Shot Down

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Nine enemy planes are hitherto reported to be down to-day, namely five in south-east England, one in north-east Scotland and three in north-east England. Two of these fell into the sea and one on land.

There was tremendous aerial activity over the north-east coast of England this afternoon. A large number of Spitfires and Hurricanes were seen crashing in and out of the clouds, engaging unseen raiders.

A number of high explosive bombs were dropped in the working-class district of a town, causing flames to shoot above the houses.

A terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire was heard.

Bombs were dropped in two villages near a town, damaging property and causing some casualties.

Enemy aircraft were also heard over south-east England.

Official Communiqué

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué states that enemy aircraft again appeared in large numbers off our coasts to-day.

During the morning, a large force of bombers unsuccessfully attacked several Air Force aerodromes in the south-east.

Our fighters engaged the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties.

Early in the afternoon a number of enemy aircraft crossed the north-east coast. Bombs were dropped on the Tyneside area and in the residential district of Sunderland.

No damage of any military importance was caused and the number of persons injured was very small, though some were killed.

Further inland, bombs were dropped on several isolated points.

Aerodrome Attacked. At an Air Force aerodrome, some damage was done to buildings, causing a number of casualties.

Anti-aircraft guns and fighters have been constantly in action throughout the day and while it is impossible to give any full account of to-day's action at present, the reports received up to 5 p.m. show that 55 enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

Seven of our fighters were lost but four of the pilots are safe.

Three Defeat Twenty-Four. LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A brisk air encounter between three British planes and 24 Germans over the enemy's "door step" is described in the Air Ministry's news service.

Three Blenheim fighters of the Coastal Command, patrolling the German coast this afternoon, encountered 24 Heinkel bombers returning in ragged formation from raids on Britain.

A short brisk fight ensued. Although outnumbered by eight to one, the Blenheims sent down two Heinkels and heavily damaged at least two others.



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HITLER'S BLUSTER AND CAN'T STOP SPORT

Quadrangular Gala In Aid Of War Fund

At European "Y" On August 24

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT inter-club swimming galas of the season, a quadrangular affair between European Y.M.C.A., Victoria Recreation Club, Lai Tsun and Chung Sing will be held in the European Y.M.C.A. pool on August 24 at 9.15 p.m.

The programme will comprise 12 events and is as follows—50 yards, 220 yards, 100 yards back-stroke, women's 100 yards (open), 440 yards, 100 yards breast-stroke, 150 yards medley relay, women's 200 yards invitation free-style relay, 200 yards free-style relay, water-polo.

Points for individual events will be three, two, one and for team relays, five, three, one.

Fifty per cent. of the gate proceeds will be donated to the S. C. M. Post fund.

Entries for the women's 100 yards open will close on August 21, and heats, if necessary, will be held from 6.30 p.m. on August 22.

Ng Nin Prominent At Chung Sing Gala

NG NIN, Malayan sprint champion, returned a very good time in the 200 metres at Chung Sing Beneficent Society's gala at Kennedy Town last night when he was clocked at 2.34 2/5.

The gala opened with the 150 metres medley relay, which was won by Chung Sing in the first time of 1.38. Eastern entered two teams but owing to the non-appearance of Kwok Chun-hang, their first string breast-stroke, were compelled to scratch one.

Ng Nin, employing the butterfly breast-stroke, was highly responsible for Chung Sing's victory in the medley relay and clocked 22 for his 50 metres breast-stroke.

The women's 200 yards saw all three competitors use the breast-stroke. Ng Nin-man, in the absence of Ng Nin, won the 50 metres in the first time of 20 1/4. Fung Kwai-sang beating So Tin-mo by a touch for second.

RESULTS
150 yards open medley relay—1. Chung Sing (So Tin-mo, Ng Nin, Ng Nin-man) 1.38; 2. Chung Sing (Yeung Yik-wan, Chan Kam-pul, Chan Wing-kai) 1.45 1/2; 3. Eastern (Lau Sek-ken, Lau Kam-mun, Sin Lin-in) 1.49.
Women's 100 metres—1. Yu Pui-yat, 1.49; 2. Lok Sz-ho, 1.50; 3. Teal Wai-tung, 1.52.
50 metres—1. Ng Nin, 2.34 2/5; 2. Ng Nin-man, 2.35; 3. Fung Kwai-sang, 2.36.
50 metres A class—1. Ng Nin-man, 2.31 1/2; 2. Fung Kwai-sang, 2.32 1/2; 3. So Tin-mo, 2.33.

Soccer Pools

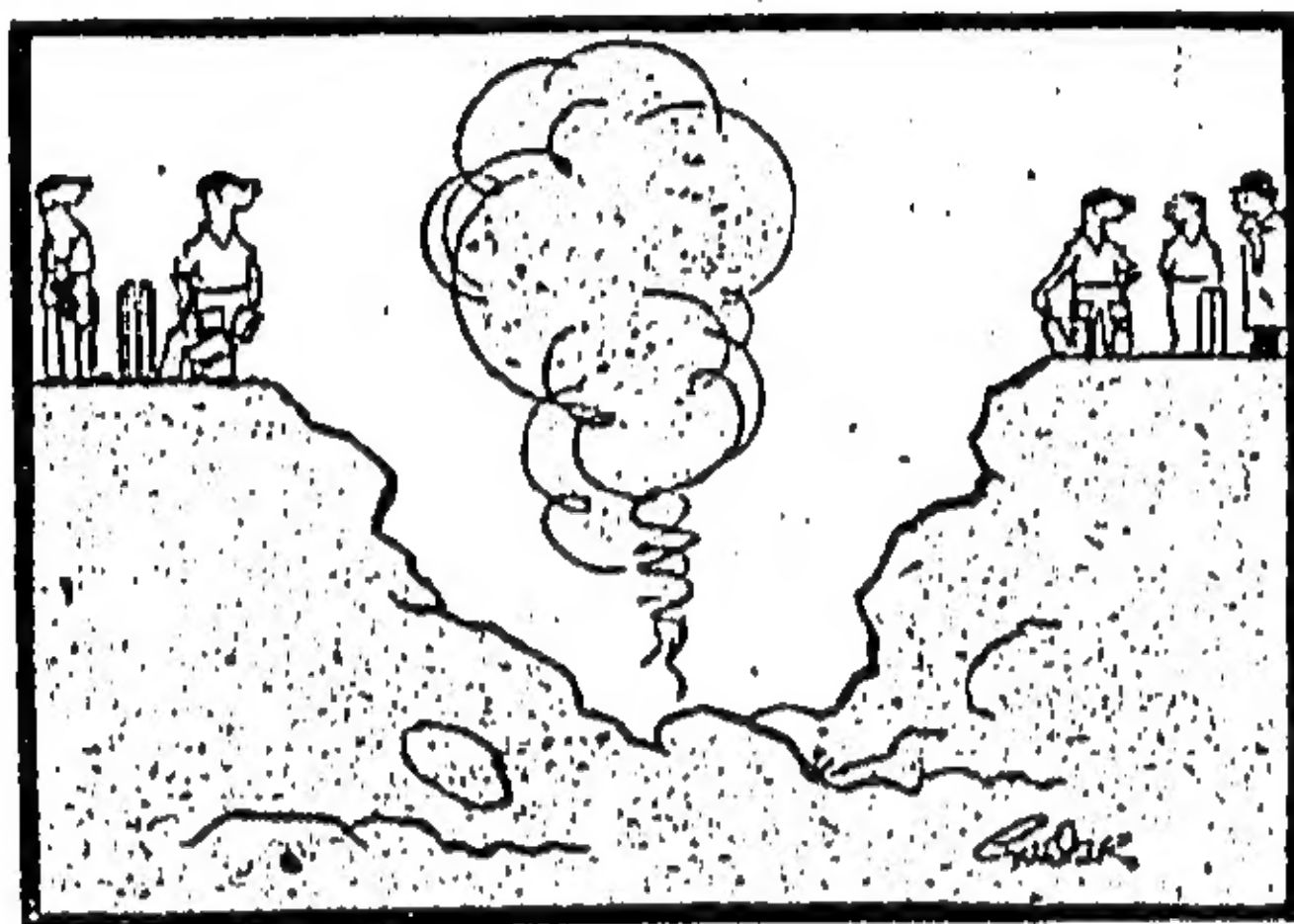
To Start Again

LONDON, Aug. 6 (Havas).—Football pools, one of the most popular form of gambling among the British people, will be authorized again from Saturday next, it was announced today.

The pools will henceforth operate on slightly different rules destined to aid national defence. Winners of sums exceeding £10—will receive their money half in cash and half in National Defence bonds.

Playing Over And Around Bomb Holes To The Tune Of Anti-aircraft Fire

IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A "BLITZ" or Hitler's blustering threats to stop Britain's populace from playing with a ball. Cricketers and footballers, golfers and tennis players are as much deterred by all this "frightfulness" as Solomon was by experience from taking his 700th "dip" into the matrimonial maelstrom. When playing pitches are disfigured, as they would be when explosive eggs drop on them, there is righteous indignation among the players—but they just move over or play around the holes.



"Let's see. Who was bowling before that 'Nasty' came over?"

Even when on duty the games go on, and perhaps it wouldn't be surprising to find that there is a "league" among the anti-aircraft batteries that surround Britain's shore with scoring on the points system—three for a bomber, two for a fighter, and one for a reconnaissance plane.

There was—remember—"time off" during one of Henry Cotton's Red Cross Fund golf matches in the north while players and spectators transferred their interest to an air battle that took place over the Tyne.

The above cartoon reminds one of the notice (printed on Wednesday) that appeared outside one of the cricket grounds in the north-east following a bomb explosion on the pitch.

Forty thousand people took temporary holiday from war work one evening and flocked to Wembley Stadium to see West Ham beat Blackburn in the war-time Cup soccer final.

Queen's Club was packed when Mrs. Menzies (Kay Stammers, that was) appeared with other prominent tennis players in an exhibition tournament there.

Henry Cotton, Dick Burton and their fellow-golf-professionals regularly have large galleries to follow them around during the Red Cross Fund matches that are going on.

Servicemen and war-workers, with gear and war equipment for immediate action parked around the grounds or in the dressing rooms, have joined in a common desire to keep cricket going, and their doling

INDIANS NOSE OUT WHITE SOX

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (UP).—Cleveland Indians and the Detroit Tigers featured in close matches in the American Baseball League today. The Indians nosed out the Chicago White Sox 5-4, while the Tigers gained a similar one-run win, beating the St. Louis Browns 3-2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
Chicago	4	10	1
Batteries: Lee, Treach.			
Cleveland	5	15	1
Batteries: Milner, Allen, Hennessy.			
St. Louis	2	6	2
Batteries: ...			
Detroit	3	6	0
Batteries: Newsom, Tebbetts.			
Washington	5	0	2
Batteries: Masterson, Krukaukas, Ferrell.			
Philadelphia	6	8	1
Batteries: Beckman, Heuser, Vaughan and Hayes.			

"Y" Hockey Meeting

The annual meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will be held in the ground floor lounge of the Y.M.C.A. at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, when it is hoped that all members interested will attend. The agenda will include the Hon. Secretary's report, the election of officers, and discussion of policy for the forthcoming season.

are among the biggest sports news items of the day.

In fact, it could almost be said that the rain in Hongkong has done more to discourage sport here than the war has done at home. And every little game over there serves the dual purpose of giving the people the sports indulgence they want while simultaneously collecting money to further the aims of the war.

I WONDER what Hitler thinks about it all? Does he really imagine that he can quell a people who have a spirit like that? Could a German sports-writer say the same thing about his own people?

The German propaganda of panics in England can never be believed, except by the solid think-what-you're-told-to-think Germans themselves.

Just think once more of that golf match in the Tyne district. Henry Cotton considered and sank a four-foot putt amid the crackling tune of the anti-aircraft action a little distance off. And the spectators were just as coolly intent on the stroke as was Cotton (and his opponent).

Then they all gazed up to see how the other interesting drama was going on.

Nein, nein, mein herr, and herrin. You may start the first and draw the second across the front, but we believe what we know and only sometimes what we are told.

"BLITZ"

"YOU CAN COME THROUGH HERE!"



J. E. Henson, No. 3 to G. H. Sherriff in a rinks championship match against L. Gray's four at the Civil Service C.C. last Sunday, giving pointers to his skip while H. E. Drew, opposing No. 3, looks on. Sherriff's rink won 27-15—Ming Yuen.

RECREIO "A" SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT IN TWO YEARS

DEFEATED for the first time in two years—and on their own green, at that—Recreio "A" caused the first major bowls surprise this season when they lost to the Police 57-60 yesterday in their League match continued from Saturday last.

Only one change was made in the teams, W. S. Dall (previously No. 3) taking over skip in place of J. C. S. Pender, while J. Aitken came in to take Dall's place at No. 3.

Recreio were leading 34-25 when the game was abandoned owing to rain on Saturday, and for their 3-rhota victory their thanks were due to E. G. Post's four (G. Perkins, W. J. D. Cameron, A. E. Carey), who, though they had a slender lead of 14-9 on Saturday, yesterday increased that lead to 25-16.

With the substitute, J. Aitken, Dall's rink did considerably better than on Saturday. With the score 15-5 against them when they started yesterday, they pulled up and only suffered a 3-shots' beating, losing by 22-19 to C. G. Silva.

In the remaining rink, there was little change in the final score from that on Saturday. F. X. Silva led over the week-end by 10-6 against J. Shepherd, and this lead of 4 was reduced to one of 3—the final score being 19-10.

Scores were—Saturday's totals being shown in brackets—were: J. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva beat T. R. Hunter, W. Harris, J. Aitken, W. S. Dall (15-5) 22-19.
L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, F. W. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva beat F. Nolan, H. Brown, J. Orem, J. Shepherd (10-6) 19-10.
L. J. Silva, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves lost to G. Perkins, W. J.

INDIANS BEAT RECREIO "B" 71-49

THE INDIAN R.C. too, turned the tables on Recreio "B" team in their continued League match yesterday. Five shots behind on Saturday when rain interfered, the Indians, yesterday, not only wiped out that deficit but eventually won by 71-49.

Greatest reversal was in the J. J. Basto-A. K. Minu match. Over the week-end, Basto was leading by 13-5, but at the conclusion yesterday, A. K. Minu took the honours, 23-17.

The Indians were leading in both the other rinks when play ceased on Saturday, and in both cases the leads were increased yesterday.

The scores were (Saturday's totals in brackets):
D. Alves, C. H. Basto, A. P. Gutierrez, J. J. Basto lost to J. Hosen, A. K. Sufian, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, (13-5) 17-23.
E. Machado, C. A. Lopes, C. R. Pereira, D. Basto lost to A. H. Rumbh, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal, A. R. Dallah (9-10) 19-24.
C. C. Pereira, A. F. Noronha, J. C. Remedios, J. E. Noronha lost to D. M. Khan, K. M. Rumbh, A. M. Rumbh, M. R. Abbas (8-10) 13-24.
D. Cameron, A. E. Carey, E. G. Post (9-14) 10-25.

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Racing Starts Again On September 21

HONGKONG RACING commences the second half of the season with the Seventh Extra Meeting on September 21, and this will be followed by the two-day Eighth Extra Meeting on October 5 and 10.

Programmes for these two Meetings have been issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club and are as follow:

Seventh Extra (First Day) Eighth Extra (Second Day)

1.—2.00 p.m.—Junk Bay Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, For Novices. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Junk Bay Handicap (Races Nos. 1 and 2). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

2.—2.30 p.m.—Australian Ponies Autumn Plate—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Weight 140 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 won in stakes since 1st January, 1940. Entrance \$5. One and a quarter miles.

3.—3.00 p.m.—Island Bay Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Weight 140 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 won in stakes since 1st January, 1940. Entrance \$5. One and a quarter miles.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Vaucluse Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

5.—4.00 p.m.—Tweed Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. From the 1 1/2 mile post.

6.—4.30 p.m.—Gosford Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

7.—5.00 p.m.—Port Phillip Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

8.—5.30 p.m.—Williamstown Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

9.—To be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs allowed.

1.—2.00 p.m.—Yunnan Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in.

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2.—2.30 p.m.—Canberra Plate—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Weight 140 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 won in stakes since 1st January, 1940. Entrance \$5. One and a quarter miles.

3.—3.00 p.m.—Double Tenth Plate—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Yunnan Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in.

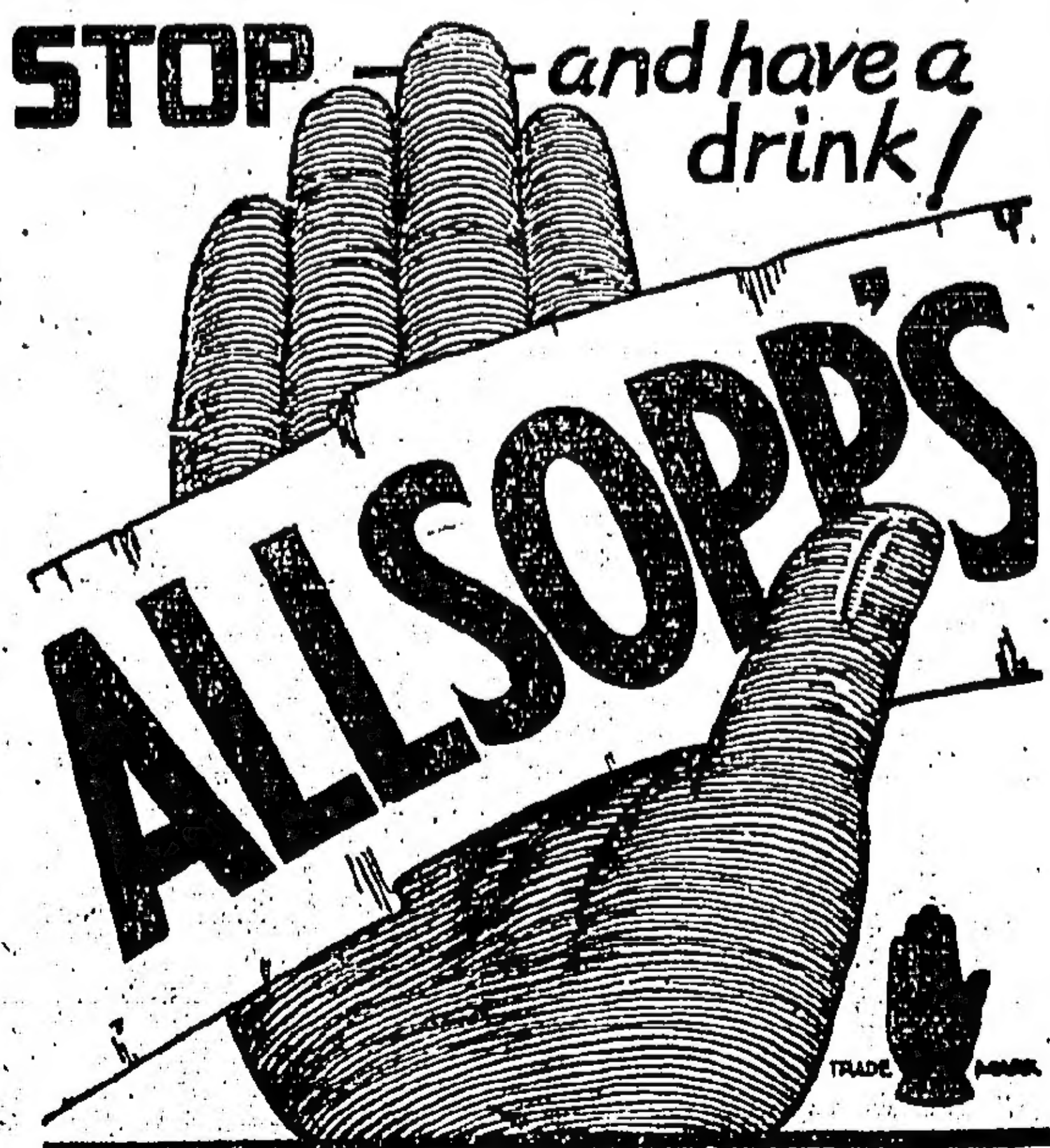
5.—4.00 p.m.—Diamond Day Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

6.—4.30 p.m.—Yunnan Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

7.—5.00 p.m.—Yunnan Handicap—(First Section). Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

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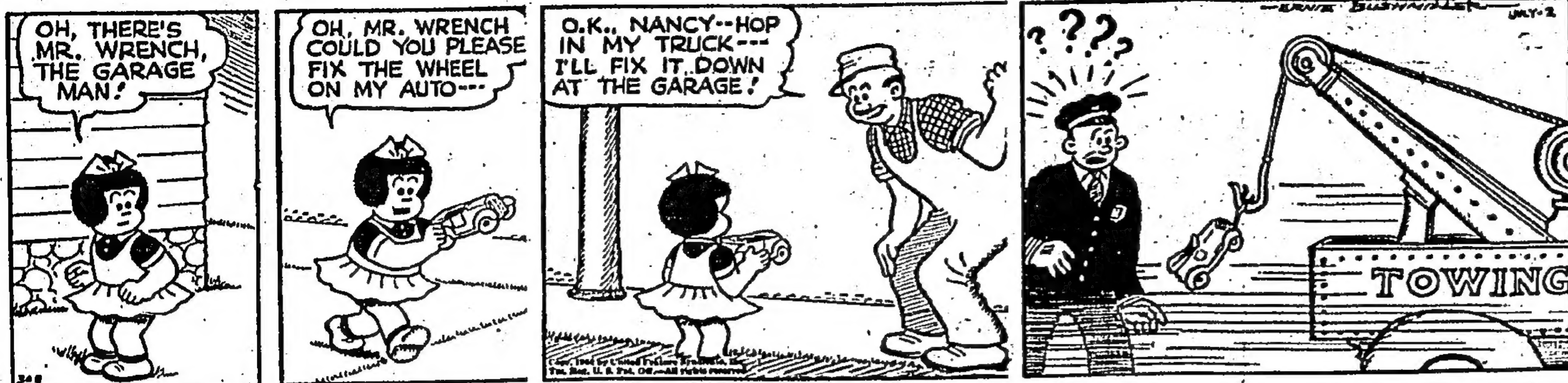
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Bevin's Walk-Over

The Communist Party has decided not to contest the Central Wards-worth by-election. Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, is likely to be returned unopposed.

One in Two Has No Raid Shelter

ONE of every two residents in London is without air-raid shelter, and the position in other vulnerable areas is only slightly better, according to a survey made by the A.R.P. Co-ordinating Committee.

The committee will ask Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary, to receive a deputation of scientists and technicians, all A.R.P. experts, who will urge the necessity for extending and improving the shelter provision. The committee, of which Professor J. D. S. Haldane is chairman, reiterates the need for the immediate construction of blast and splinter-proof shelters that can subsequently be strengthened to resist direct hits.

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War Prisoner Writes to Wife

Landed By Parachute Among German Troops

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Mrs. Greenhalgh, of Woodbridge (Suffolk), whose husband, a sergeant gunner, was reported missing has just had a letter from him saying he is a prisoner of war in Germany.

At the time Sergeant Greenhalgh was reported missing it was announced that the pilot was a prisoner. The pilot did not know what had happened to Greenhalgh because the inter-communication of the machine had been put out of action.

In the letter to his wife, who has a baby of seven weeks, Sergeant Greenhalgh describes how he was captured after making a parachute landing.

Writing from a reception house before transfer to a prison camp he describes how his machine was put out of action and most of his turret shot away after he had brought down one German lighter and put one out of control. He writes:

"Not knowing whether the pilot was alive or dead, I was thinking of jumping. My mind was made up at a moment later as another burst of fire shattered the tail. 'I at last dived head first into space and floated gently to earth. Imagine my horror and surprise when I was surrounded by German troops. When I hit the ground my old knee packed up as usual, and I spent the night in hospital.'

EYES ON ALASKA?

Possible New Trend To Soviet Expansion

Washington, Aug. 15. The Alaska Delegate, Mr. Anthony J. Dimond, to-day expressed concern to a United Press representative over reported large-scale Soviet military activity in Siberia and the Soviet Press statement that the sale of Alaska under the Czarist regime was illegal.

Mr. Dimond claimed that he had learned that the Russians were building a huge submarine and naval base in the Komandorski Island with the aid of German technicians, also a large base at an island in the middle of Bering Strait a few miles from Alaska.

"If England loses Japan and Russia would be in a position to harass us from the Pacific while the Axis attacked the United States from Latin America," he said. "Japan and Russia are more friendly to each other than most people realize. It is not inconceivable that they should conclude some sort of an alliance."

He said that the army was sending 3,000 men to Alaska before the winter.—United Press.

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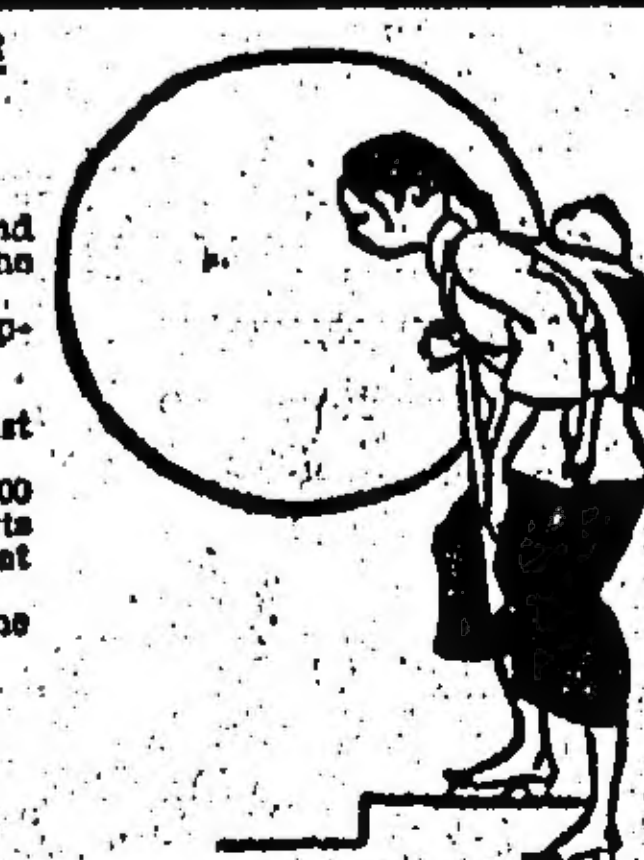
In order to continue its work, The Society appeals for the balance of \$8,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October.

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WORKING two and a half hours "overtime" on their normal school day, scores of boys between fourteen and sixteen years of age are turning out factory components for arms works by the hundreds every day.

OBITUARY

Chief Engineer Of Dukat Buried At Happy Valley

The funeral of Mr. Frithjof Olsen, 49, chief engineer of the Dukat, was held at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley yesterday.

The late Mr. Olsen was a native of Hoxton, Norway. He was found dead in his bunk on board the ship at Taku Dock on Wednesday morning, death being due to natural causes. A service was conducted in the Colonial Cemetery Chapel by the Rev. Mr. Neilsen, and among those present were Captain Stansfeld, Capt. A. Svensson, Capt. A. A. World, Mr. O. Fingelsen, Mr. Olaf Bjordahl, Mr. S. Thunssen, Mr. H. Olsen, Mr. G. F. U. Nielsen, and members of the crew of the Dukat.

Wreaths were sent by Mr. N. W. Smeby, Mr. B. Ovrum-Andersen, Mr. B. Naess, Mr. L. H. Ongstad, Mr. Chin Sen-hay, Mr. Y. J. Johnson, Mr. Sverre Berg, Mr. J. Johnson, owners of the Dukat, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Messrs. Thoresen and Company, Captain and Officers of the Dukat, s.s. Mul Hock, s.s. Ngow Hock, Sen Naroek Sjemann, Mjelson and Bjordahl Ag Thunssen.

The Empire Air Training Scheme

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announces that the Under-Secretary for Air, Captain H. H. Balfour, arrived in Canada to-day to discuss various matters in connection with the Empire Air Training Scheme.

It is stated that the scheme is well ahead of schedule and that excellent progress continues to be made.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (Reuters).—It is announced from the White House that President Roosevelt is leaving to-morrow to spend a week-end watching the manoeuvres of the First United States Army in the northern part of New York state.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 15 (Reuters).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor sailed for the Bahamas to-day.

AMERICAN FEARS

Men On Black List Expect Trouble

Shanghai, Aug. 15. The Americans on Nanking's black list to-day expressed fears that Nanking agents were preparing to carry out their assassination threats, following a report in the Taihu Shimbun alleging that a new group of Chungking terrorists had arrived in Shanghai for the purpose of attacking Americans and Britons.

The newspaper, which is controlled by the Japanese Army, declared that Chungking intended to harm Americans and Britons, feeling confident that Japan would be blamed and thereby prejudice the relations between Japan and the western Powers.

Several Americans have brought the report to the attention of the American Consul-General, Mr. Bulrick.

Commenting on the report Mr. J. B. Powell, American Editor of the China Weekly Review, said it was just an attempt to cover up for the Nanking Regime and pave the way for more Nanking terrorism.

"If the Japanese fail to get control of the British sectors to-day they will probably provoke incidents there and then occupy the area on the grounds that others are unable to maintain order," he said.

Mr. C. D. Alcott, anti-Japanese American radio commentator, declared that in the past many murders had been announced in advance by these means.

The Japanese revealed to-day that the Japanese Embassy had held several employees of the Taihu Shimbun for questioning in connection with the assault on Mr. Hallett Abend, New York Times correspondent on July 20, but had released them.—United Press.

Bigamist Lived at Home, Bought "Wife" Horses

A MAN who continued living with his wife after bigamously marrying a girl he met at a Boxing Night party, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment at Somerset Assizes at Wells.

The man, William George Johnson (42), independent, was said to have settled £8,000 each on his wife and daughter, sent three children of the second "marriage" to excellent schools, and to have made the bigamous wife an adequate allowance and provided her with horses and a car.

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Special war taxation, probably income tax, will meet the cost of servicing the loans, which will have no charge at all to the British Government.—United Press.

STEAMER ATTACKED

New York, Aug. 15. Mackay Radio to-day reported that the steamship Thermopylae had given distress signals and was evidently being attacked by a submarine. Mackay Radio stated that the ship was about 700 miles east of New York, but the position indicated is about 300 miles out. Both positions are well within the safety zone. Mackay Radio added: "The Thermopylae said that she was tracked by a mystery ship and was in no distress."—United Press.

The Thermopylae, according to Lloyd's Register, is a ship of 6,635 tons. She was built at Copenhagen in 1930 and is run by the Norwegian firm of Messrs. Wilhelm Wilhelmsen.

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- All entries to be either black and white, or in color, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
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- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
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- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
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HONGKONG/PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FREIGHT CONFERENCE

Notice to Shippers

Effective September 15, 1940, freight rates in tariff No. 14 will be increased by approximately 20%. An amended tariff is being issued.

Hongkong, August 14, 1940.

HONGKONG PANAMA FREIGHT CONFERENCE

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Effective September 15, 1940, freight rates in tariff No. 7 will be increased by approximately 10%. An amended tariff is being issued.

Hongkong, August 12, 1940.

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY HOSTEL.

The new term of the French Convent School will begin on September 9, at 8.30 a.m. The registration of new students is taking place from now on, every day between 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., and the Entrance Examination will be held on September 5, at 9 a.m.

Our Lady's Hall, 8 Po Shan Road, is now open to receive University Lady Students for the first term of the academic year, beginning on September 9.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Japan 92 1/2
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T.T. Manila 43 1/2
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Duke Of Windsor Leaves Hamilton

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 15 (UP).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor left Hamilton for Nassau today.

Upon arrival in Nassau, the Duke will assume his duties as Governor General of the Bahamas.

Lawn Bowls Teams For The Week-end

THE FOLLOWING TEAMS have been selected by various Clubs for Lawn Bowls League matches this week-end:

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"C" J. Silva, C. E. Marques, J. F. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva.

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STAGGERING NAZI AIR LOSSES

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gambler had been intercepted by R.A.F. fighters inland.

"Reuters" correspondent on the south coast described thrilling duels between Messerschmitts attacking barrage balloons and Spitfire aviators.

The first Nazi to attack the barrage balloons dived so low that the Spitfires were clearly visible from the ground as they blazed away with all their guns.

A balloon caught fire and fell, but as the raider was climbing back into the sky, an anti-aircraft gun got a direct hit on the plane, which crashed in flames in the sea, while the watchers cheered themselves hoarse.

This was one of the many similar incidents repeated throughout the day.

Twenty bombers who attacked a south-eastern town raised the gas-works and set one house on fire.

Mingled with the crash of bombs was heard the rattle of machine-gun fire while columns of smoke drifted over the roofs of houses.

At another point, the watchers saw four German raiders out of formation brought down, three after dogfights with British fighters and the fourth by anti-aircraft fire.

All four fell into the sea.

Grand Stand View

The first raid in this district was seen by the people living for miles around.

A woman living in a nearby district saw about 30 planes, British and German, in the air at the same time.

Passengers on top of a bus had a grandstand view of the air battle.

"As we were going along," writes a "Reuters" reporter, who was on one of the buses, "three dozen planes high up. Suddenly we heard the rattle of machine-guns and anti-aircraft fire."

Three German machines appeared to be shot down. A group of soldiers cheered each time a raider crashed.

A man who lives near the aerodrome was watching the manoeuvres of nine planes circling high above the air port when "from no where a swarm of machines hurtled out of the sky. There was a terrific melee followed by a hot anti-aircraft barrage."

"Went Off Like Hell"

"After remaining on the spot only a minute or two, the German planes went off like hell with our fighters hot on their heels."

A woman living nearby stated that she heard about ten bombs altogether. The Fire Brigades and ambulances were called.

When the raiders first appeared, buses were running normally but all stopped. After about three-quarters of an hour nearly 20 ambulances went out in the direction of the aerodrome and returned some time later to the Crofton Hospital.

One bomb is thought to have hit a hangar on the outskirts of the aerodrome.

THAI RECEIVES DEMANDS

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nations, Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy.

These treaties replaced older treaties which granted extrajurisdiction to third power subjects. The British treaty was signed on November 23, 1937 and the one with Japan few weeks earlier. Each abolished extrajurisdiction.

For some time it has been rumoured that the treaty between Thailand and Japan has contained secret clauses of a military nature. This rumour, although denied in Bangkok, is alleged to have been signed by Japan.

The treaty was signed on December 7, 1936, demilitarised the Mekong zone along the Thai-Indo-China frontier for a depth of fifteen miles.

Naval Re-armament

Thailand is a country of 200,000 square miles and has a population of 13,500,000. Its naval re-armament plan instituted three years ago provides for a navy which will be second only to Japan's in the northern Pacific.

Last year two cruisers were ordered from Italy. Delivery cannot be effected, however, owing to the European War. Thailand recently purchased torpedo boats and submarines from Japan—the former have already been delivered.

The Thai State Railways, which are alleged to be the subject of Japanese demands, link Bangkok with Chongqing in the north (near the northern Burma frontier) and with the Malay States frontier in the south. At the frontier, 530 miles from Singapore, the Thai State Railway links up with the Malayan Railway service to Singapore.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to the War Fund Of the S. C. M. Post, Ltd.

A total of \$1,307,574.44 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd.

Donor's name and amount of \$100.00 forwarded by Mr. M. F. Key, Hon. Secretary of the British Empire Committee, 100, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

He explained that the Committee, with the consent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, had decided to vote the unexpended balance of the money in hand to the War Fund.

It was the money raised in the first instance for purposes beneficial to the British Empire. It would be in line with the objects to spend it now on the prosecution of the war.

He stated that other "good" balances of this nature, held locally, would be similarly donated to the S. C. M. Post War Fund.

Latest subscriptions:

"March Brown" (further contribution) 50

"Company" (further contribution) 50

"Scots" (further contribution) 211

Unexpended balance of the British Empire War Fund 507.57

U.S. PILOTS WANTED

Britain's Latest Request

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuters).

Britain wants to recruit American pilots to fly bombers from Canada to Britain.

The Canadian Air Ministry announced that two types are wanted:

(1) 100 expert navigators capable of flying any type of plane to be sent to England as ferry pilots to release R.A.F. pilots on active service;

(2) skilled pilots to fly bombers from Canada.

They are being recruited in the United States because all Canadians are either on active service or in Government air lines.

It has not yet been decided whether they should be in the Royal Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Force or remain as civilians.

PARACHUTE MYSTERY

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parachutes found in the Midlands, Scotland and Wales are constructed on an entirely new principle.

The new type parachute can sustain two tons of equipment in addition to the parachutist, according to the correspondent.

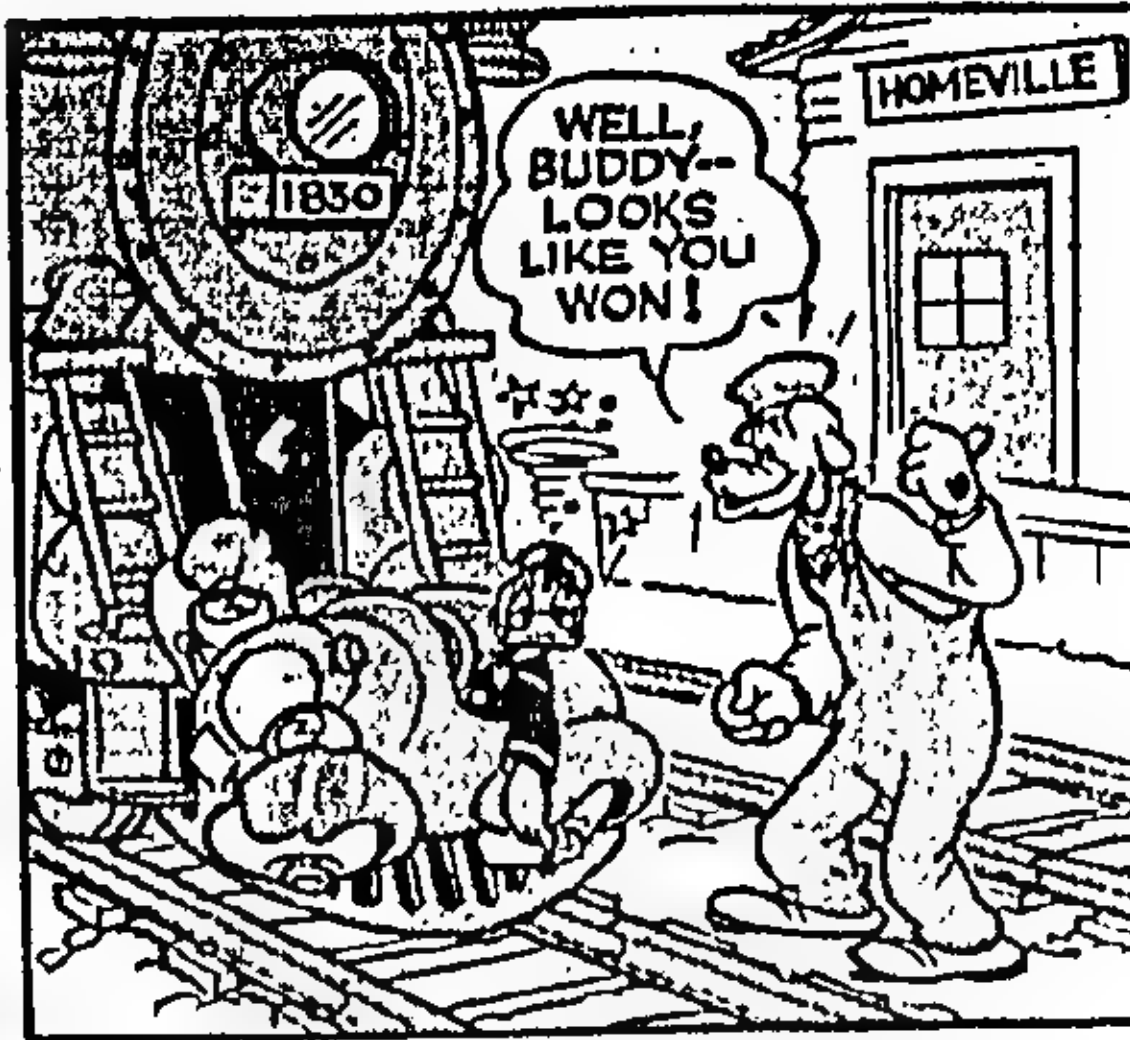
Parachutists can also descend in safety from an altitude of only 240 feet, the correspondent claims.

Seventeen parachutes were found in the Midlands, 16 in Scotland and several in Wales.

Correspondent Denial

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UNHAPPY REPORTS FROM SOMALILAND

Premier Says Position Is "Unsatisfactory"

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill said he had some unsatisfactory news about Somaliland, where "a small British force, which was occupying the Tugargan position in the north-east of Hargeisa, has been driven back by greatly superior Italian forces, amounting to two divisions supported by armed vehicles and considerable artillery."

"As the operations are still in progress, I cannot say any more, but I shall be dealing generally with the eastern situation in my statement next week."

Mr. Churchill announced that he would make a statement on the war situation next Tuesday followed by a public debate.

The House would adjourn next Thursday until September 5. The war situation will also be discussed in the House of Lords next Tuesday.

Swinton Committee

Replying to questions on the "Swinton Committee," Mr. Churchill said he was sorry that questions were asked about this organisation because it made people think that there was something mysterious about it. Nothing could be more straightforward.

About ten weeks ago, after the dark and vile conspiracy which in a few days laid the trustful Dutch people at the mercy of Nazi aggression, a wave of alarm passed over the whole country lest the same kind of undermining tactics and treacherous agents of our enemy were at work in our island.

Several branches of the State Department were of course always charged with the duty of frustrating such designs. Mr. Churchill continued, and he felt in the hour of anxiety that this side of the business of national defence wanted pulling together.

He, therefore, asked Lord Swinton to undertake the task.

Fifth Column Danger

Great improvement had been effected in dealing with the fifth column danger, Mr. Churchill said. He was satisfied that it had been reduced to its proper proportions and was being gripped and looked after with very high efficiency.

It was important that this should be so because although we were very much stronger than in May the danger of invasion had by no means passed away and "we are repeatedly assured by German circles from foreign countries about the performance which is about to begin." (Laughter.)

The Premier had earlier deprecated putting questions on the order paper regarding the Swinton Committee and Mr. A. Hopkinson (Independent) asked if the Government had power to prevent such questions being put on the order paper.

Mr. Hopkinson also referred to the

Italy Admits Long War Likely

ZURICH, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—"On the basis of the present military situation," a long war is possible, according to the Italian newspaper, "Corriere della Sera," states a despatch from Milan to the "Deutsche Zeitung."

The "Corriere" also says that more raids over Italian towns are to be expected.

Woman Inaugurates War Plane Fund

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Mrs. Dorothy Clark, born in Grenada, West Indies, now a resident in England and wife of Squadron Leader Clark, is appealing for subscriptions from the girls and women of the Empire named Dorothy to purchase a Spitfire to be named Dorothy Spitfire.

Subscriptions can be remitted through any British bank to Lloyds Bank, Sheffield, England, addressed to Dorothy Spitfire Fund.

"mystery" attaching to the Committee.

Premier's Rebuke

Mr. Churchill, replying, said, "If Mr. Hopkinson had paid half his attention to the full statement he had just made as he did when he was accustomed to obstruct my efforts to get this country defended before the war, he would not have asked that question."

Rising angrily to his feet, Mr. Hopkinson asked the Speaker for his protection against "gross lying and innuendo." (Cries of "Withdraw.") Mr. Churchill said that so far from withdrawing he would send Mr. Hopkinson one of his interventions "in which he did his very utmost to discredit me."

HONGKONG KIDDIES PREPARE TO LEAVE MANILA



PHOTOGRAPH was taken in Manila just before the evacuees departed from the Philippines capital for Australia. Some of the mothers are in the background.

Journey's End For Hongkong Evacuees

BY THE "TELEGRAPH" REPORTER WITH THE EVACUEES

MELBOURNE, Aug. 16.

Melbourne loomed tantalisingly before the eyes of 183 women and 168 children for nine hours yesterday, as the stately Dutch liner in which they had just completed their 8,000 mile voyage from Hongkong lay off St. Kilda, famous summer swimming resort, awaiting a berth.

They were the first of the official evacuees to arrive in Victoria.

Altogether, 1,281 of Hongkong's evacuees will make their new homes in the southernmost State—on the Australian continent. The remaining 930 are expected to arrive from Sydney within a week.

Berthed In Afternoon
The Dutch liner, which passed through the Heads shortly after dawn, did not berth until late this afternoon.

Motor cars and fast electric trains were waiting to take the women and children to their new homes.

As they came down the gangway they laughed and joked and appeared in fine spirits.

Australian Government accommodation officials were aboard the ship immediately it arrived this morning and before it berthed every evacuee had received little printed slips indicating their destination by car or train.

From what I have already seen, the accommodation provided is all that can be desired, and no evacuee should be unhappy on this score.

Ship's Officers As Nursemaids
The Dutch ship's officers and Australian baggage men with little red peak caps played capable roles as nursemaids as the voyage came to an end, aiding the weary and slightly homesick mothers with their children.

Before we parted I interviewed several of the evacuees.

Mrs. W. Stoker was met on arrival by Mr. and Mrs. J. Way, of the Hongkong Electric Company, who are in Australia on leave.

She told me: "I am glad to be in Melbourne at last. Everything has been wonderfully comfortable aboard the Dutch ships. We transferred from the—another Dutch liner in Sydney."

Mrs. Stoker's small son bore out her testimony and looked the picture of rosy health.

Didn't Like Sydney Harbour
Miss Dorothy Moss said: "The trip was rather uneventful, and I was very disappointed with Sydney Harbour. It isn't as pretty as our Hongkong Harbour."

I also spoke to Miss Norah White, who has been suffering from ill-health since her departure from Hongkong, and who was carried off the evacuee ship in a stretcher.

Mrs. Williams, well-known as the manageress of the Caravan in Hongkong, told me: "I'm glad it's all over. We can settle down to our new homes now after all the hectic happenings of the past few weeks."

Incidentally, the accommodation aboard the Dutch liner arriving in Melbourne, to which the vanguard of the evacuees transferred in Sydney,

London Air Raid Sirens Shriek

CROYDON AIRPORT BOMBED BY NAZIS

LONDON, Aug. 15 (UP).—For the first time, German planes raided the outskirts of London to-day, when they attacked Croydon Airport.

Despite adverse weather, raids on England continued at an even tempo than hitherto.

But the Germans are boasting, in their newspapers and over the radio, that increasing masses of bombers will be flung into mighty air onslaughts as soon as the weather improves.

The raid on Croydon caused the air raid alarm to be sounded in London for the first time in the present blitzkrieg.

City dwellers were able to catch glimpses of the Nazi planes on the outskirts, where they clashed with Spitfires.

Raid On Croydon

Between 20 and 30 Nazi machines took part in the raid on Croydon. There were shot down.

Windows rattled throughout the city as anti-aircraft guns went into action and the concussion of exploding bombs was clearly audible.

Two children were killed when a lone Nazi plane machine-gunned the streets in a north-east seaside town.

The children were playing in a field on the outskirts of the town when the German plane appeared.

After dropping four bombs on the town, the plane flew low over the countryside, machine-gunning every person it could see.

The two children were killed outright by the flying bullets.

A farm worker was also wounded by bullets from the plane.

Another wave of Nazi bombers flew over the Thames Estuary during the afternoon, but dropped no bombs.

They were quickly chased off by anti-aircraft fire and Spitfires.

Nine Planes Shot Down
LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Nine enemy planes are hitherto reported to be down to-day, namely five in south-east England, one in north-east Scotland and three in north-east England. Two of these fell into the sea and one on land.

There was tremendous aerial activity over the north-east coast of England this afternoon. A large number of Spitfires and Hurricanes were seen rushing in and out of the clouds, engaging unseen raiders.

A number of high explosive bombs were dropped in the working-class district of a town, causing flames to shoot above the houses.

A terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire was heard.

Bombs were dropped in two villages near a town, damaging property and causing some casualties.

Enemy aircraft were also heard over south-east England.

Official Communique
LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states that enemy aircraft again appeared in large numbers off our coasts to-day.

During the morning, a large force of bombers unsuccessfully attacked several Air Force aerodromes in the south-east.

Our fighters engaged the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties.

Early in the afternoon a number of enemy aircraft crossed the north-east coast. Bombs were dropped on the Tyneside area and in the residential district of Sunderland.

No damage of any military importance was caused and the number of persons injured was very small, though some were killed.

Further inland, bombs were dropped, but no damage was caused.

Not comparable with that provided aboard the first ship.

But nobody minded that. The trip to Australia was delightful, the Dutch officers, kindness personified, and the reception by Australia has quickly dispelled any fears we may have had about the future.

Escapes From Nazi Prison Camp

LONDON, Aug. 15.

(Reuter).—Wing-Commander Basil Edward Embry, the first R.A.F. officer to win two bars to the D.S.O., reported a prisoner of war last month, is now in England, having escaped from a German prison camp.

Aerodrome Attacked

At an Air Force aerodrome, some damage was done to buildings, causing a number of casualties.

Anti-aircraft guns and fighters have been constantly in action throughout the day and while it is impossible to give any full account of to-day's action at present, the reports received up to 5 p.m. show that 55 enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

Seven of our fighters were lost but four of the pilots are safe.

Three Defeat Twenty-Four
LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A brisk air encounter between three British planes and 24 Germans over the enemy's "door step" is described in the Air Ministry's news service.

Three Blenheim fighters of the Coastal Command, patrolling the German coast this afternoon, encountered 24 Heinkel bombers returning in ragged formation from raids on Britain.

A short brisk fight ensued. Although outnumbered by eight to one, the Blenheims sent down two Heinkels and heavily damaged at least two others.

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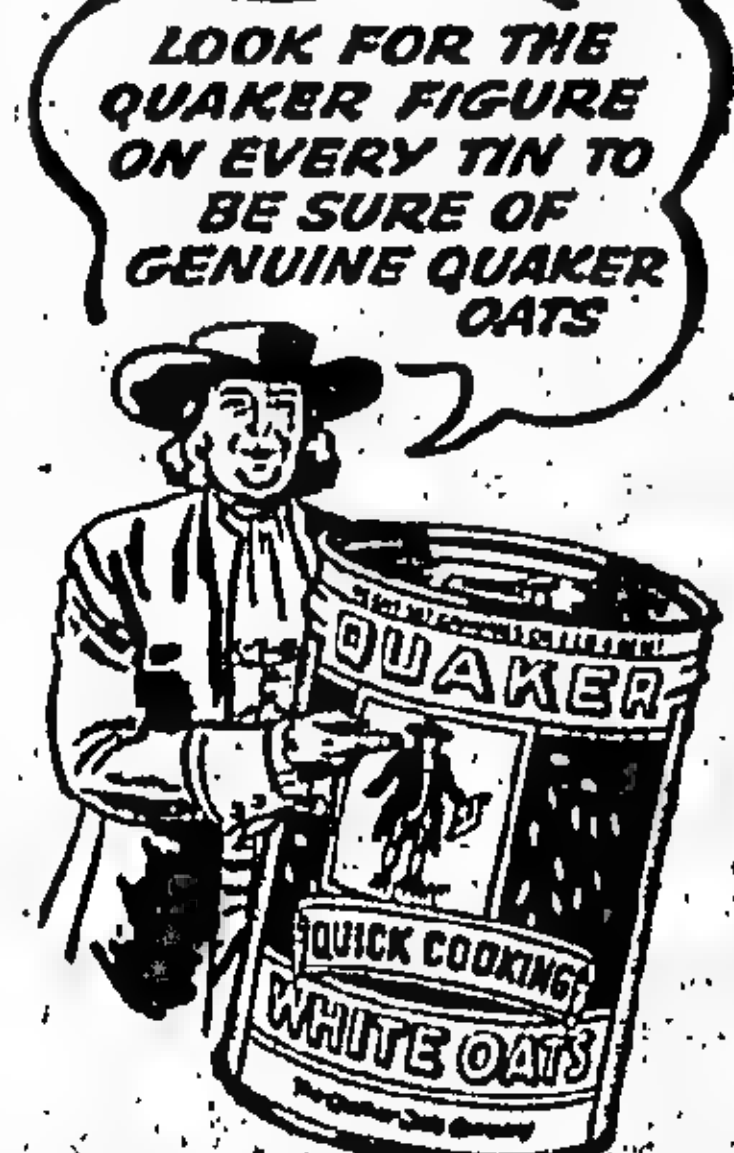
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OF INTEREST to Hongkong is this photograph of the Governor of Gambi, Sir Thomas Southern (second from right) and Lady Southern (extreme left), shown opening a fete organised by the Gambian Women War Workers and Busy Bees in aid of Red Cross Funds. The French Consul, M. Orzel, is speaking. Sir Thomas Southern was formerly Colonial Secretary in Hongkong.

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SHANGHAI DISPUTE JAPANESE ADAMANT

Demand To Patrol British Sector

NOTWITHSTANDING earlier reports that yesterday's conference in Shanghai of the British, American, Italian and Japanese defence authorities had agreed to joint patrol by Japan and America of the British sector in the International Settlement, it appeared this morning that the conference failed to reach agreement.

Proposals by the British and American representatives that the British sector be jointly patrolled by U.S. Marines and Japanese soldiers were rejected by the Japanese representatives.

It is understood that the Japanese insisted that the British sector be taken over by Japan.

The Japanese demands were based on Japan's predominant position in the Shanghai area and that military operations were still in progress.

It is believed that a further meeting of the four Powers will be necessary before satisfactory arrangements can be reached.

The position adopted by the Italian representatives at the conference is not clear.

Japanese Vote Against Plan

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16 (UP).—The defence commanders have issued a joint communique stating that the Japanese and Americans will jointly patrol the British sector in the International Settlement.

The Japanese will take over the western sector and the Americans will take over the central and west Hongkong districts.

The communique states that the plan was adopted by majority vote, the Japanese voting against the proposal, which was supported by Britain and America. Italy abstained from voting.

Japan has reserved the right to submit alternate plans later. The decision is subject to the approval of the Governments concerned as well as of the Municipal Council.

The decision to grant control of the western Hongkong district to the U.S. Marines has surprised observers, who anticipated that the Japanese would insist on everything north of Soochow Creek. The disposition of this sector is important because in this sector lie the Chinese courts, which are still under Japanese control, despite repeated Japanese efforts to gain control on behalf of the Nanjing regime.

Royal Tours Of Inspection

Aircraft Factory Is Visited By King

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—There were three Royal tours of inspection to-day.

His Majesty the King inspected an aircraft factory where he saw planes in every stage of production. He was particularly interested in the modern high-speed transport plane carrying from 12 to 20 passengers.

Queen In London

The Queen visited the Beaufort Institute in London, where she saw 300 women being put through a 3-month course before going to munitions factories.

Among them were actresses, novelists, waitresses, designers, housewives and artists.

The Duke of Kent visited the Ministry of Information where he was conducted round the news censorship and photograph departments. He visited the conference room where journalists from all over the world were receiving the latest information about the progress of the war.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced from the White House that President Roosevelt is leaving to-morrow to spend a week-end watching the manoeuvres of the First United States Army in the northern part of New York state.

Was In Dunkirk Evacuation

Information has been received in Hong Kong that Mr. L. F. "Ginger" Payne, who is well known throughout the Far East, especially in Hong Kong and Shanghai, was one of the evacuees with the B.E.F. at Dunkirk.

During the evacuation, however, he received a splinter wound in the head and is now in hospital.

Mr. Payne was with the S.M.C. in Shanghai. He was home on leave last year when war broke out and immediately joined the Royal Artillery.

SCRAP HELPING TO WIN WAR

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Salvage from the homes, fields and kitchens of Britain are already helping to bring enemy planes down, announced the Minister of Supply to-day when he opened a scrap-iron and steel exhibition in London.

Supplies from this source in July were 5,000 tons up on June and in August they will be even higher.

In one week, 17,000 old cars had been listed for wrecking. Hundreds more would be added.

Iron railings amounting to 13,140 tons and, tram lines totalling 10,000 tons had been scrapped and another 30,000 old tram lines have been marked for removal.

Every village now has its iron and steel scrap dump.

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Polish Troops Celebrate

Memories Recalled Of 20 Years Ago

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Poland to-day celebrated her biggest national holiday, the anniversary of the Miracle of Vistula, on British soil.

General Sikorski, reviewed Polish troops on a golf course in Scotland. Later he joined them at the field mass celebrations of a day 20 years ago when Marshal Pilsudski drove back the Bolsheviks from the gates of Warsaw.

"Poland Will Rise Again"

Scottish pipers in full regalia played the Polish National Anthem as General Sikorski and Lord Hamilton (representing the King) walked round a square formed by 6,000 men of the Polish Brigade.

"Poland will rise again," said General Sikorski, addressing his troops. "In these fateful days we stand by Britain until victory brings a reconstruction of Europe."

More Indian Munitions Workers

Proposed Enlistment Of 10,000

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Ten thousand more men are shortly to be employed in Indian munitions factories. They are being enlisted under the recent ordinance with regard to skilled and semi-skilled technicians in order to maintain full production of the existing factories.

Under the ordinance, the Government can call up to work technicians not already engaged in work of national importance. Firms are required to release them for this purpose.

Rights Safeguarded

The rights of the workers are safeguarded so that they will not lose their provident or super-annuation funds or their right to return to their jobs when their national service is over.

The Government will also train men to replace them in civil industry.

LATE NEWS

COMMENCING SUNDAY
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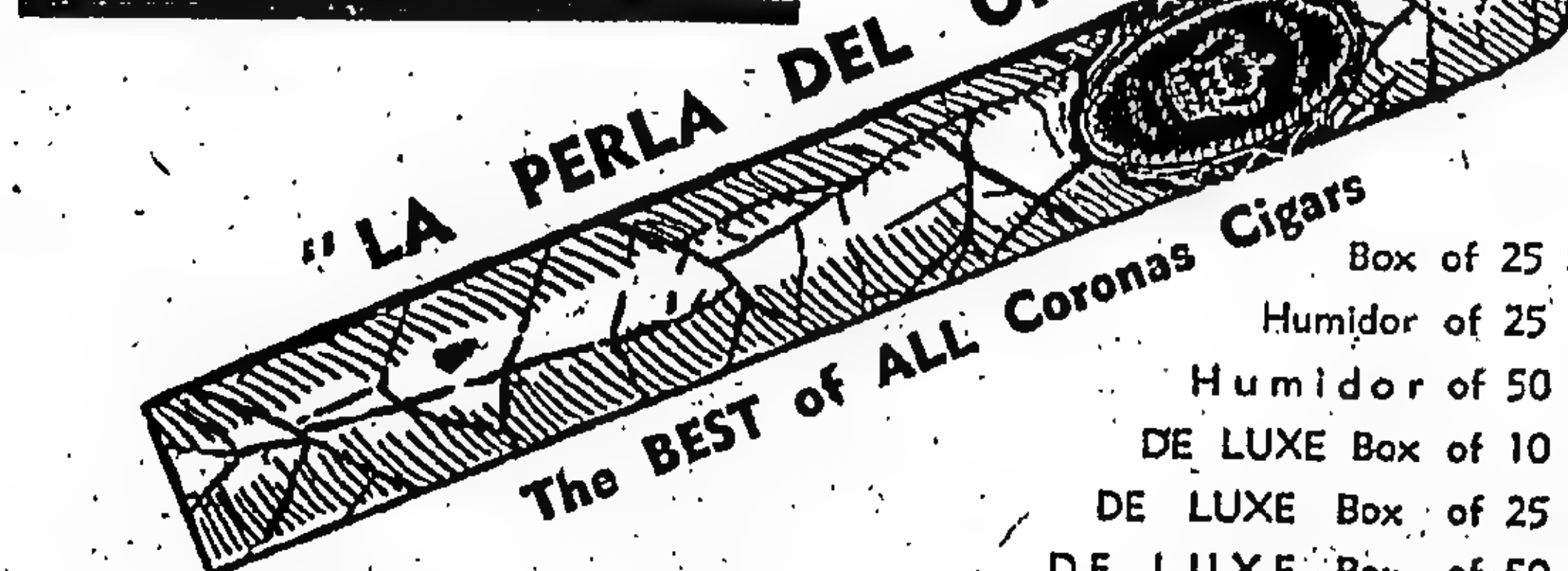
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1,000 Bombers Over England

144 Brought Down
Up To Midnight

LONDON, Aug. 16
(Reuter).—The raids
on England yesterday
afternoon and last
night transcend any-
thing previously ex-
perienced.

It is officially estimated that
well over 1,000 German
bombers have participated
in the raids.

This does not include the sup-
porting fighter planes.
It is officially announced that 144
German machines have been
brought down up to mid-
night.

The attacks are continuing.
Twenty-seven Royal Air Force
fighters have been lost.

Eight of their pilots parachuted
to safety.

The official communique adds:
"The Germans have achieved
little success at a high cost."

BUCHAREST, Aug. 15 (UP).—An
official communique issued to-day
states that negotiations between
Rumania and Hungary will begin to-
morrow morning at Turnu Severin.
The heads of both delegations will
hold the rank of "Minister Plenipo-
tentiary."

Dramatic Action By Athens Censor

TENSION MOUNTS IN GREECE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Aug. 15 (UP).—Tension has mounted consid-
erably in Greece as a result of the torpedoing of the Greek cruiser.
The Government has taken precautionary measures against
any development.

Waterfront piers and wharves have been closed to the
general public and restrictions in prohibited areas have been
tightened.

Considerable tension in official cir-
cles is obvious to-night, although
both the Government and the public
remain calm until decisions can be
reached.

No Italian Demands Yet

Italy still has not made any de-
mands on Greece but the Italian
Minister visited the Premier, General
Metaxas, this afternoon. General
Metaxas subsequently held lengthy
sessions with the Ministers of Marine
and Aviation.

The nationality of the submarine
which torpedoed the cruiser Helle
will doubtless remain a mystery,
since it was awash when it fired the
torpedoes and was barely visible.
The Helle was lying 2,400 feet off
the breakwater and had aboard a
crew of 100 men. One of the crew
was killed outright when the torpedo
struck the engine-room. Two others
were so severely injured that they
are dying.

Semi-Panic Breaks Out

There was semi-panic among the
10,000 visitors to the island, who had
proceeded there to hold a religious
celebration.
It is understood that the Govern-
ment is sending passenger ships to

NAZIS RAID CROYDON AIRPORT



A VIEW OF CROYDON AIRPORT

Soviet — Finland Tension

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GENEVA, Aug. 15
(Domei).—Renewed
tension between Soviet Russia
and Finland is reported in
French Press despatches
from Helsinki.

It is claimed that the
Red Army has massed 28
divisions along the Kare-
lian Isthmus.

Finland is taking pre-
cautionary measures.

These include the re-
quisitioning of all essential
foodstuffs and fuel and the
recalling of soldiers from
leave.

Rumours are rampant
that Soviet Russia is pre-
sented new demands to
Finland.

THAI RECEIVES DEMANDS FROM JAPAN, REPORT

CHINESE SOURCES close to Chungking report this
morning that Japan is believed to have presented certain
demands, of a nature similar to those presented earlier
this month to French Indo China, to Thai (Siam).

It is officially confirmed that a Thai delegation, which will
include the Minister for Defence, Colonel Luong Promyoti, a
representative of the Thai Army, Colonel Luong Yord, and a
representative of the Thai Navy, Captain Luong Yutostart,
are leaving Bangkok next Tuesday for Tokyo.

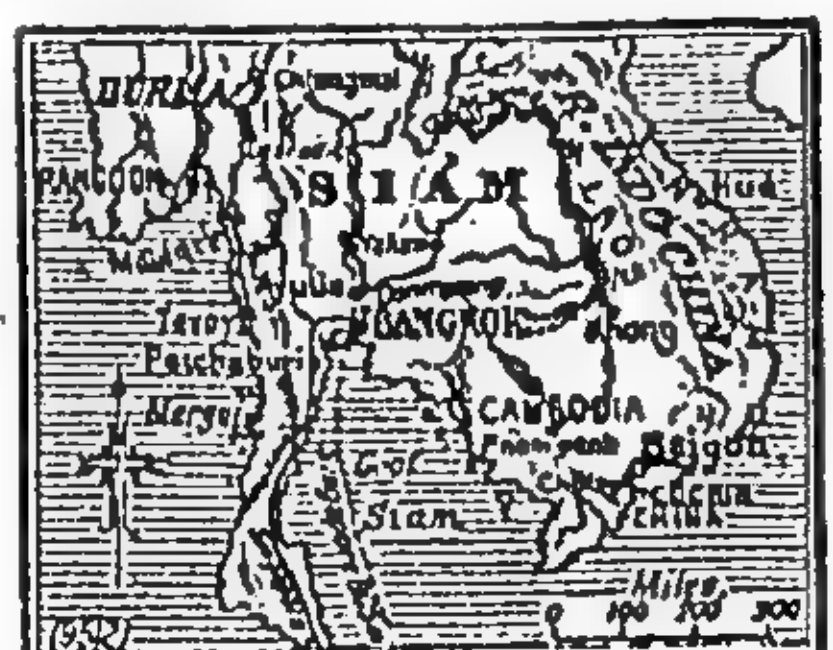
They will travel from Bangkok
to Haiphong by air and will
then embark in a Japanese ship
for Tokyo.

It is stated that a Japanese plane
will be placed at their disposal at
Haiphong. In Haiphong they will
probably confer briefly with officials
of the French Indo China govern-
ment.

Chungking, according to these
Chinese sources, received information
of the alleged Japanese demands on
Thai early yesterday.

Bases Wanted

These demands, which stated to be
similar to those presented to French
Indo China, are alleged to be as
follows:



- 1.—Establishment of Japanese
naval, military and aerial bases in
Thai;
- 2.—Right of transit on Thai
Government railways;
- 3.—Mutual Assistance Pact be-
tween Thai and Japan;
- 4.—Closer military, naval and
economic collaboration.

A semi-official Chinese source,
commenting on the above report, told
the "Telegraph":

"We have heard reports that Japan
has presented certain demands to
Thai."

"China naturally is interested in
the report and investigations are
being carried out."
"Unlike Indo-China, Thai has no
common frontier with China.
Nevertheless, any Japanese invasion
of Thai would interest us as much
as it would Britain, who has com-
mon frontiers in Burma and the
Malay States, with Thai."

Thai's Treaties

Thai has treaties of commerce and
navigation with, among other
countries, the United Kingdom,
France, the United States, the
Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Spain,
Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Ger-
many, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hun-
gary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece,
Turkey, and the Soviet Union.

DECOUX GIVES IN?

Capitulation By Indo-
China, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICE-ADMIRAL DECOUX,
Governor General of French
Indo China and concurrently
Commander-in-Chief of the
French Asiatic Squadron, was
believed to-day to have submitted
to pressure from Vichy and to
have submitted to the authority
of the Petain Government.

It is reported that Admiral Decoux
has agreed to the Vichy demands that
the agreement reached between
Vichy and Tokyo regarding the status
of French Indo China be adhered to.

Thailand Agitation

It is believed that the Vichy
Government has substantially agreed
to the Japanese demands regarding
Indo China.

Meanwhile, according to the
"Straits Times" in Singapore (quoted
by "Domei") a movement is gaining
strength in Thailand for the return
of the north-eastern provinces of
Indo-China to Thailand.

These provinces were at one time
part of the Kingdom of Siam.

JAPANESE CONCESSION TO NORWEGIAN SHIPS

The "Telegraph" learns that the Japanese authorities are
permitting Norwegian steamers to engage in the rice-carrying
trade between Bangkok and Bocca Tigra.

From Bocca Tigra the rice is taken
in Japanese ships to Canton.

It will be recalled that the Pearl
River is at present closed to British
ships.

Nor, the "Telegraph" understands,
are British vessels permitted to en-
gage in the rice trade between Bang-
kok and Bocca Tigra.

Although Norwegian shipping is
under Allied naval control, this
control relates mainly to routes.
It is believed that most, if not all,
of the vessels engaged in the
Bangkok-Bocca Tigra trade are
under charter of the Japanese.

144 RAIDING MACHINES OUT OF 1,000 SO FAR DOWNED BY DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THE WORLD
HAS EXPERIENCED MASS AIR BATTLES IN WHICH NOT
TENS, NOT HUNDREDS, BUT THOUSANDS OF PLANES
PARTICIPATED.

THE AIR MINISTRY OFFICIALLY CONFIRMS THAT
THE GERMANS YESTERDAY EVENING SENT OVER A
THOUSAND BOMBERS IN THE MASS ATTACKS ON
ENGLAND.

The Nazi bombers were escorted by fighters.
Britain mobilised an equal number of pursuit planes to repel the
mass attacks.

WRECKAGES DOT COUNTRYSIDE

The wreckage of 144 German and 27 R.A.F. machines dot the
countryside.

This is almost a half of the total number of German planes brought down since
Sunday, the total now being 318 machines.

In the same period Britain has lost 90 machines, yesterday's total of 27 also
being the highest.

"Domei," quoting an "Associated Press" despatch to New York, states that
literally thousands of machines were in the air at the one time.

THOUSANDS OF PLANES USED

The thousand German bombers were escorted by approximately twice as many Messers-
chmitt fighters.

In one mass flight alone, 800 German bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked a certain
objective.

One mass armada of 100 bombers attacked objectives in the Tyneside.

Fatalities, says this message,
are on an "untold scale."

Virtually every city and town
in which shipping, industrial
plants and aerodromes are lo-
cated were made the target of the
Nazi raids.

Armada Obscures Sky

The principal German attack was
launched by an armada which
completely obscured the sky.

From end to end, says "Associat-
ed Press," it stretched for three
miles across the sky.

Despite the unparalleled tempo of
the raids, the Nazi attacks appear to
be gaining additional momentum.

Further details of the attack on
Croydon have been released.
They show, says "United Press,"
that a number of buildings, including
some factories, have been damaged.

Flares which were started were soon
brought under control.
Although Croydon Airport sustained
no serious damage, a number of
people in the neighbourhood received
injuries.

A number of Croydon stretcher
cases were sent to hospital and calls
for blood transfusion donors were
quickly answered.

One Croydon resident told "United
Press": "My house shook like jelly
during the raid."

Air Battle Over London

People for miles around saw the air
battle over the London suburb.

Passengers on top of a bus had a
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STAGGERING NAZI LOSSES REPORTED

LONDON, Aug. 16 (UP).—The staggering loss of at
least 144 planes—the highest ever recorded and bringing
the total since the commencement of the aerial blitzkrieg
on Sunday to at least 318—was inflicted upon the German
air force yesterday.

Despite adverse weather the raids
were on an unparalleled scale.

Eye-witnesses describe the attacks
on the north-east coast as "fren-
zied."

In one town, where the raids lasted
for some time, salvoes of bombs ex-
ploded in the working class re-
sidential districts.

Raids Continue Into Night

The raids were still continuing
into late last night.

Croydon was included in the at-
tacks.

Nineteen R.A.F. fighters have been
lost. Five British pilots parachuted
to safety.

Scores of fierce battles were fought
throughout the day, in which hun-
dreds of British and German
machines literally filled the sky as
they twisted and turned in their
efforts to gain the advantage.

The invaders were met with tor-
nadoes of bursting shells.

Mass Raids On Coast

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A
mass formation of German bombers
raided the south-east this afternoon.

Flying at a great height, they
passed over the coast from where
scores of bombs could be seen and
heard bursting on land.

R.A.F. fighters quickly approached
and broke up the enemy formation,
chasing them out to sea.

A barrage balloon was brought
down in flames and three Spitfires
engaged two bombers which were
separated from their formations and
one bomber crashed into the sea.
An Air Ministry communique
states that further enemy attacks had
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JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Shanghai Agreement
Is "Tentative"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16, (UP).
—The Japanese military authori-
ties have announced that they
regard the agreement reached
yesterday by the Defence Com-
manders as tentative and inde-
finite.

The Japanese have, therefore, de-
cided that they will convene the
Defence Council "as many times as
it seems necessary, until the British
and Americans understand the real-
ities of the present status of the
International Settlement."

LATEST

Von Papen Sees Turkish President

ANKARA, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—
President Inonu of Turkey to-day
received Herr von Papen the Ger-
man Ambassador, the interview
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TENSION MOUNTS IN GREECE

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banians who escaped being conquered by the Italians. As Daut Hogg's criminal record has been released, it paints a different picture to that of the Albanian patriot the Italians have been trying to depict. He had twice been sentenced to death for abduction, extortion, possession of illegal arms and brigandage. He had been sentenced to imprisonment five times, including one 20-year sentence for murder.

Italian Hopes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, Aug. 15 (Dnrel).—Italian circles believe that hopes are brighter that the Italo-Greek dispute over the slaying of Daut Hogg, the Albanian "patriot," will be settled amicably.

The Fascist newspapers have ceased their vitriolic attacks on Greece and are now devoting their attention to the diplomatic activity between the two countries.

Naval Men Recalled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ATHENS, Aug. 15 (UP).—Motor cyclists scoured Athens to-night, recalling naval men from leave and ordering them to report to their ships immediately.

Greek Ships Stay In Port. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ATHENS, Aug. 15 (Dnrel).—The Greek Government has issued an order, forbidding all Greek ships from leaving Greek ports.

Observers regard this order as an indication of the seriousness with which Greece views relations with Italy. Official circles decline to comment on the rumours that the Greek cruiser Helle was sunk by an Italian submarine in an attempt to force Greece into retaliatory action which would change her non-belligerent attitude.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to the War Fund Of the S. C. M. Post, Ltd.

A total of \$1,307,574.54 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. This includes an amount of \$207.52 forwarded by Mr. M. F. Key, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Fair Committee of 1933. In a covering letter he explained that the committee, which had made a monetary grant for the Fair, had decided to vote the unexpended balance of the money in hand to the S. C. M. Post War Fund, it being felt that as the money is held locally for insurance for purposes beneficial to the British Empire, it would be in line with those objects to hold it now on the preservation of the war. The suggestion has been made that other "dead" balances of this nature held locally could be similarly donated to the S. C. M. Post War Fund.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 19th day of August, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chong, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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HONGKONG/PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FREIGHT CONFERENCE

Notice to Shippers

Effective September 15, 1940, freight rates in tariff No. 14 will be increased by approximately 20%. An amended tariff is being issued.

Hongkong, August 14, 1940.

HONGKONG PANAMA FREIGHT CONFERENCE

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Effective September 15, 1940, freight rates in tariff No. 7 will be increased by approximately 10%. An amended tariff is being issued.

Hongkong, August 13, 1940.

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY HOSTEL

The new term of the French Convent School will begin on September 2, at 8.30 a.m. The registration of new students is taking place from now on every day between 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., and the Entrance Examination will be held on September 5, at 9 a.m.

Our Lady's Hall, 8 Po Shan Road, is now open to receive University Lady Students for the first term of the academic year, beginning on September 9.

H. K. BASEBALL LEAGUE

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CHINESE FISHERMEN REMOVING JAPANESE BLOCKADE MINES

DRAMATIC STORY BY FOREIGN SKIPPER

Amazing stories of how Chinese fishermen are removing Japanese mines laid to blockade Wenchow were told to a "Telegraph" reporter to-day by the master of a foreign steamer which ran the blockade recently. "We found that Chinese fishermen were being paid \$100 for each Japanese mine removed or destroyed in the minefields at Wenchow. The payment was made by Chinese authorities ashore," he said. "When I brought my ship close to the minefields with a full cargo on board, Chinese fishermen calmly came alongside and by hanging their lamps on the horns of the mine led us into the port."

12 Executed

At the time this particular steamer was at Wenchow it was reported that the Japanese captured 12 of these fishermen and had them executed on board a cruiser by cutting their heads off with swords. Another steamer which recently returned to Hongkong after calling at Wenchow and other China Coast ports had machine-gun bullet holes in her bridge. The master reported that Japanese naval motor boats armed with machine-guns attempted to stop him by opening fire at close range on the bridge. "I kept going at full speed with everyone lying down flat on the bridge," he said. This ship was fired on by both Japanese and Chinese batteries ashore.

Fired By Mistake

"The Japanese shells burst astern and the Chinese shells burst ahead of us so we just kept going until we got out of range. The Chinese evidently opened fire by mistake. Until the Japanese officially started their blockade at Wenchow recently steamers were running through the minefields with full cargoes which sometimes included banknotes and postage stamps.

THAI RECEIVES DEMANDS

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nations, Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy. These treaties replaced older treaties which granted extraterritoriality to third power subjects. The British treaty was signed on November 23, 1937 and the one with Japan a few weeks earlier. Each abolished extraterritoriality.

For some time it has been rumoured that the treaty between Thailand and Japan has contained secret clauses of a military nature. This rumour, although denied in Bangkok, is alleged to have been fostered by Japan.

The treaty between France and Thailand, which was signed on December 7, 1938, demilitarized the Mekong zone along the Thai-Indo-China frontier for a depth of fifteen miles.

Naval Re-armament

Thailand is a country of 200,000 square miles and has a population of 13,500,000. Its naval rearmament plan instituted three years ago provides for a navy which will be second only to Japan's in the northern Pacific.

Last year two cruisers were ordered from Italy. Delivery cannot be effected, however, owing to the European War. Thailand recently purchased torpedo boats and submarines from Japan—the former have already been delivered.

The Thai State Railways, which are alleged to be the subject of one of the so-called Japanese demands, link Bangkok with Chongqing in the north (near the northern Burma frontier) and with the Malay States frontier in the south. At the frontier, 530 miles from Singapore, the Thai State Railway links up with the Malayan Railway service to Singapore.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Market is quiet coupled with the absence of any noticeable feature.

H.K. Banks \$1.70
Union Ins: \$350
H.K. Fire Ins: \$136
Docks (old) \$14.50
Providents \$3.50
Trams \$14.00 X.L.D.
Youmaul Ferries \$21
Lights (old) \$8.40
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Electric (old) \$37.75
Electric (new) \$35.75

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	52 1/4
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	21 1/4
T.T. Manila	43 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/4
T.T. Saigon	94 1/4
T.T. France	Nom.
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4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23
4 m/s France	Nom.
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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.02 1/2

STAGGERING NAZI LOSSES

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taken place in several areas of the south-east this evening.

Croydon Aerodrome Attacked. Bombs were dropped on and around Croydon Aerodrome. Some damage was done but details are not yet available.

Reports so far received have shown that in all areas during the day 88 enemy aircraft have been destroyed, 11 of these being shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Nineteen of our fighters were lost but five of their pilots are safe.

R.A.F. Defenders Busy

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Today continuous attacks on the south-east coast towns and on aerodromes kept R.A.F. defenders busy throughout the day.

Watching on the coast witnessed scores of fierce battles as wave after wave of raiders approached the coast. A tornado of bursting shells from anti-aircraft guns met the invaders and as they passed through the barrage, bursts of machine-gun fire could be heard as these running gauntlets had been intercepted by R.A.F. fighters inland.

"Reuter's" correspondent on the south coast describes thrilling duels between Messerschmitts attacking barrage balloons and Spitfire avengers.

The first Nazi to attack the barrage balloon dived so low that the crosses on their wings were clearly visible from the ground as they blazed away with all their guns.

A bullet caught fire and fell, but as the raider was climbing back into the sky, an anti-aircraft gun got a direct hit on the plane, which crashed in flames in the sea while the wreckage cheered themselves hoarse.

This was one of the many similar incidents repeated throughout the day.

Twenty bombers who attacked a south-eastern town missed the gas-works but hit some houses. Mingled with the crash of bombs his heard the rattle of machine-gun fire and columns of smoke drifted over the roofs of houses.

At another point, the watchers saw four German raiders out of formation brought down, three after dogfights with British fighters and the fourth by anti-aircraft fire. All fell into the sea.

Grand Stand View

The first raid in this district was seen by the people living for miles around.

A woman living in a nearby district saw about 30 planes, British and German, in the air at the same time. Passengers on top of a bus had a grandstand view of the air battle.

"As we were going along," writes a "Reuter" reporter, who was on the bus, "We saw two or three dozen planes high up. Suddenly we heard the rattle of machine-guns and anti-aircraft fire."

"Three German machines appeared to be shot down. A group of soldiers cheered each time a raider crashed."

A man who lives near the aerodrome was watching the manoeuvres of nine planes circling high above the air port when "from no where a swarm of machines hurtled out of the sky. There was a terrific melee followed by a hot anti-aircraft barrage."

"Went Off Like Hell"

"After remaining over the spot only a minute or two, the German planes went off like hell with our fighters hot on their heels."

A woman living nearby stated that she heard about ten bombs altogether. The Fire Brigades and ambulances were called.

When the raiders first appeared, buses were running normally but all stopped. After about three-quarters of an hour nearly 20 ambulances went out in the direction of the aerodrome and returned some time later to the Croydon Hospital.

One bomb is thought to have hit a hangar on the outskirts of the aerodrome.

BERLIN, Aug. 15 (UP).—The German Customs frontier has been moved westwards to include the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, according to DND, the official news agency.

TREE WOOD STEALING

Nuisance Continues Unabated

Despite the vigilance of the Botanical and Forestry Department and the Police in watching and protecting the trees on Hongkong hills, and despite the fact that a large number of arrests and convictions have been registered in past months, tree wood cutters seemed to have in no way abated their destructive deeds.

The high price of firewood has been attributed as one of the causes for tree and wood thefts, and in this connection it may be interesting to recall that in a recent case at Central Magistracy an elderly woman charged with unlawful possession of several cuttings of tree wood stated that she had the money to buy rice, but had none for the purchase of the firewood needed to cook it.

This morning several cases were dealt with by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy and with the exception of one man who was ordered to be expelled from Hongkong, all defendants were fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour. Hung Lam, 31, was the man expelled and he indicated his wish to return to Canton, adding that he could go to Macao and then walk to Canton from Shekhi.

\$53,500,000 FOR ARMY TANKS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (UP).—The U.S. War Department has closed a deal with the Chrysler Motor Corporation for the mass production of tanks.

The contract, which totals US\$53,500,000, is the largest yet awarded under the new re-armament programme.

The contract provides \$20,000,000 for the establishment of plant and equipment for producing \$33,500,000 worth of tanks.

The plant will be located in the Detroit area and is expected to employ between 40,000 and 50,000 men. Operations will probably begin within three months.

Was In Dunkirk Evacuation

Information has been received in Hongkong that Mr. L. F. "Ginger" Payne, who is well known throughout the Far East, especially in Hongkong and Shanghai, was one of the evacuees with the B.E.F. at Dunkirk.

During the evacuation, however, he received a splinter wound in the head and is now in hospital.

Mr. Payne was with the S.M.C. in Shanghai. He was home on leave last year when war broke out and immediately joined the Royal Artillery.

SKIES BLACK WITH PLANES

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grandstand view of a battle between thirty German and British planes. "As we were going along we saw between 24 and 35 planes very high up," said one bus-passenger.

Suddenly we heard the rattle of machine-gun and anti-aircraft fire. "We saw three German planes shot down."

A joint communique issued by the Ministry for Home Security and the Air Ministry confirms that over a thousand bombers participated on yesterday's raids.

A bomb fell in the residential district at Hastings, where one civilian was killed and several injured. Industrial plants were damaged at Rochester, but no fatalities were reported from this area.

Several persons were killed and a number injured on the north-east coast.

A harbour train was hit and several houses destroyed at a coastal town. Private property was damaged at several points in Yorkshire, where only one casualty has been reported.

An attack was launched on Portland, but it proved ineffective. A few casualties, none of which were fatal, were reported.

All-Night Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Aug. 16 12.30 a.m. (UP).

German attacks on Britain are continuing into the early hours of the morning.

At 11.50 p.m. German planes were again reported over the south-west areas.

A great battle took place over the same area earlier this evening. British fighters, outnumbered almost seven to one, gave combat to 200 Messerschmitt-109s, Messerschmitt-110s, and Dorniers.

The thirty Spitfires and Hurricanes participating in the battle brought down at least 20 of the German machines.

Numerous German pilots who bailed out of their burning machines in the air were captured as soon as they landed.

A victorious ten-minute dogfight over another south-west town during the night resulted in the destruction of eight German bombers.

Other Spitfires intercepted an unspecified number of German bombers, escorted by Messerschmitts, which were heading for a target in the south-east area. The crew of one of the German machines shot down bled out by parachute. All were captured.

Visitor Robbed

Mr. M. E. Maier, an American visitor to Hongkong from San Francisco, sent a letter to the Police yesterday reporting the loss of a mounted fountain pen valued at US\$25.

Mr. Maier reported that during the evening of August 14 some one stole the pen from his jacket-pocket somewhere in the Central district.

U.S. PILOTS WANTED

Britain's Latest Request

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Britain wants to recruit American pilots to fly bombers from Canada to Britain.

The Canadian Air Ministry announces that two types are wanted: (1) 100 expert navigators capable of flying any type of plane to be sent to England as ferry pilots to release R.A.F. pilots on active service; (2) skilled pilots to fly bombers from Canada.

They are being recruited in the United States because all Canadian are either on active service or in Government air lines.

It has not yet been decided whether they should be in the Royal Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Force or remain as civilians.

JAPANESE LAND IN S. CHINA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

JAPANESE NAVAL HEAD-QUARTERS, Aug. 16 (Dnrel).—The Japanese Fleet has landed bluejackets on Hsichwan Island, 70 miles south-west of the Pearl River estuary on the southern coast of Kwangtung, according to an official announcement to-day.

In support of the landing operations, Japanese naval planes bombed Kwangchow on the mainland opposite to-day.

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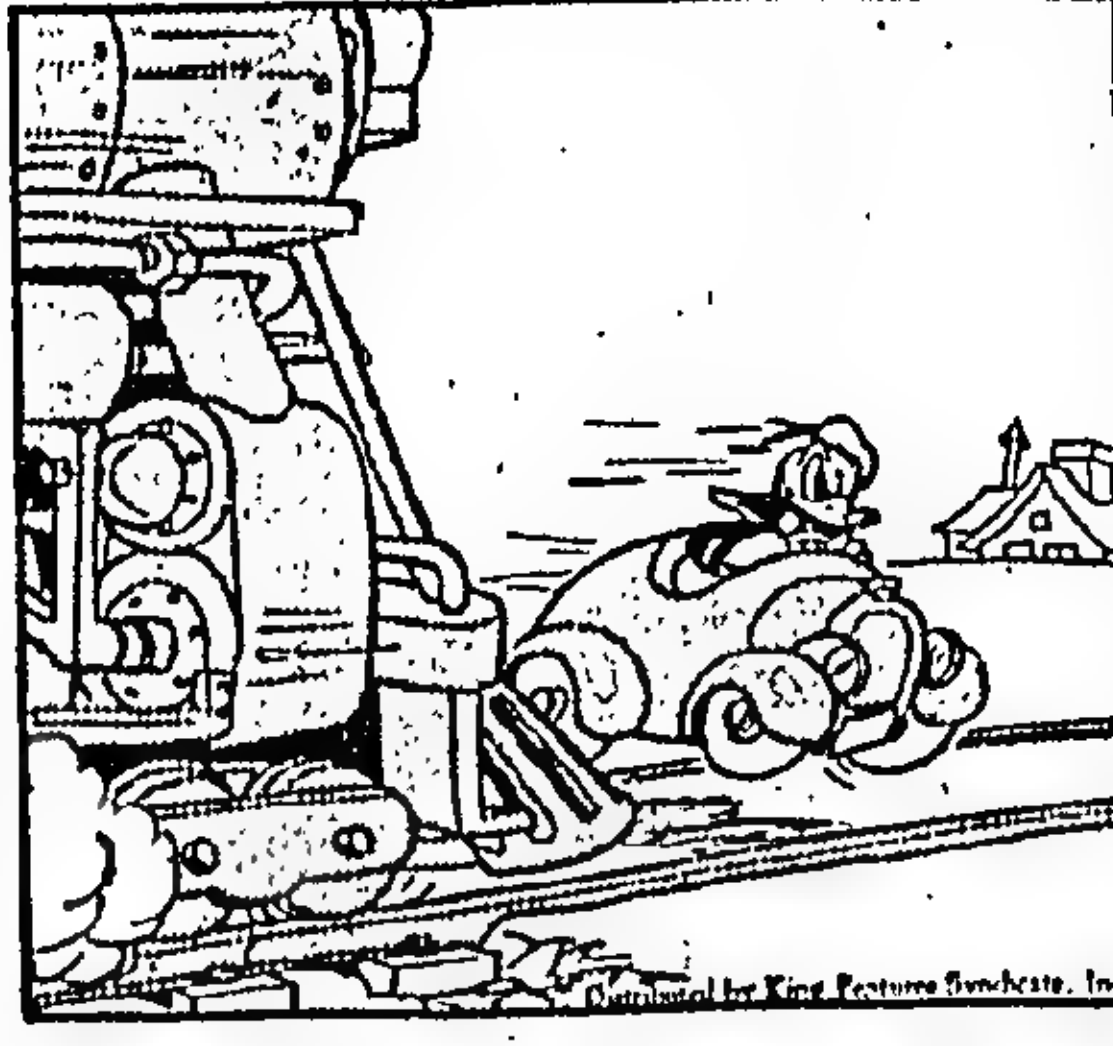
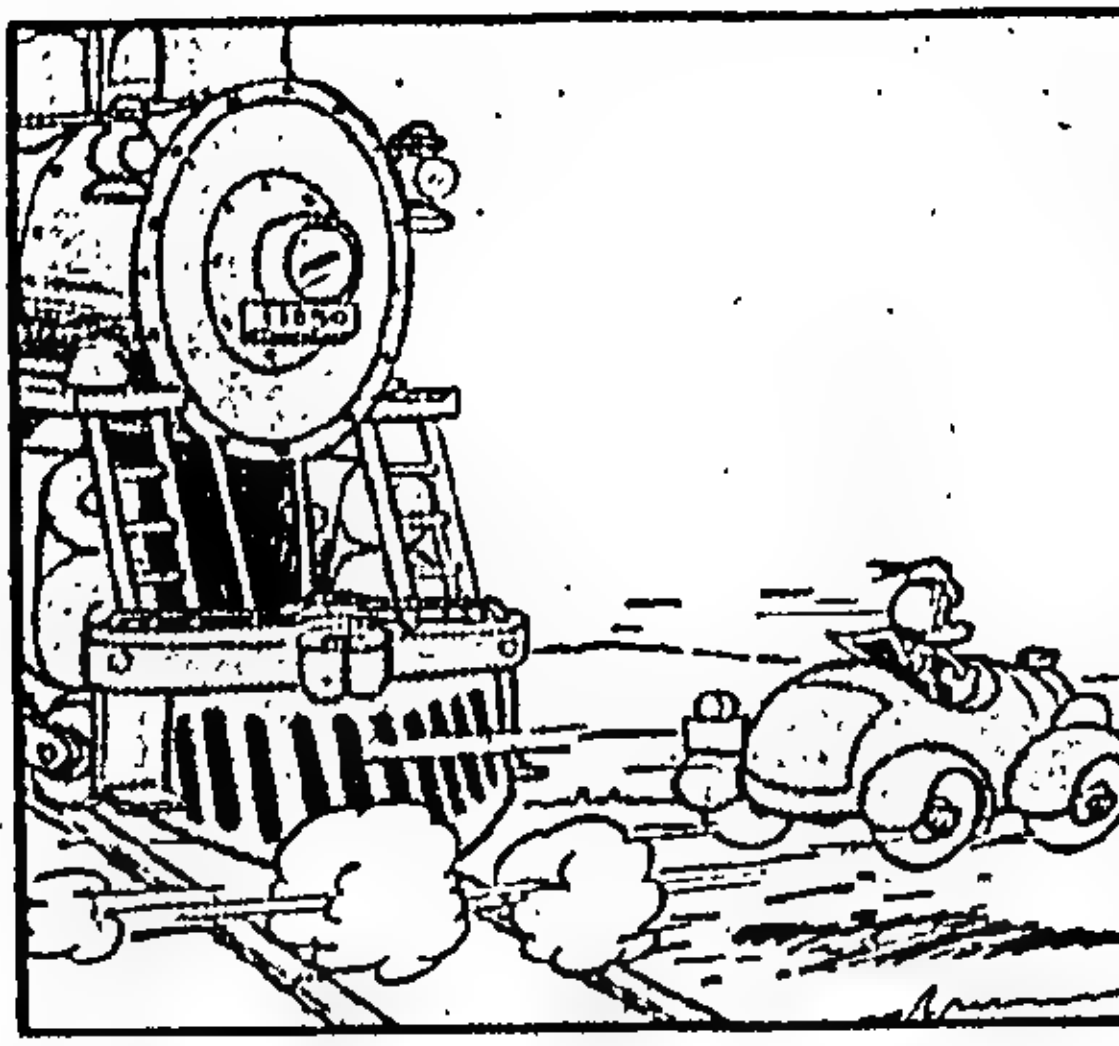
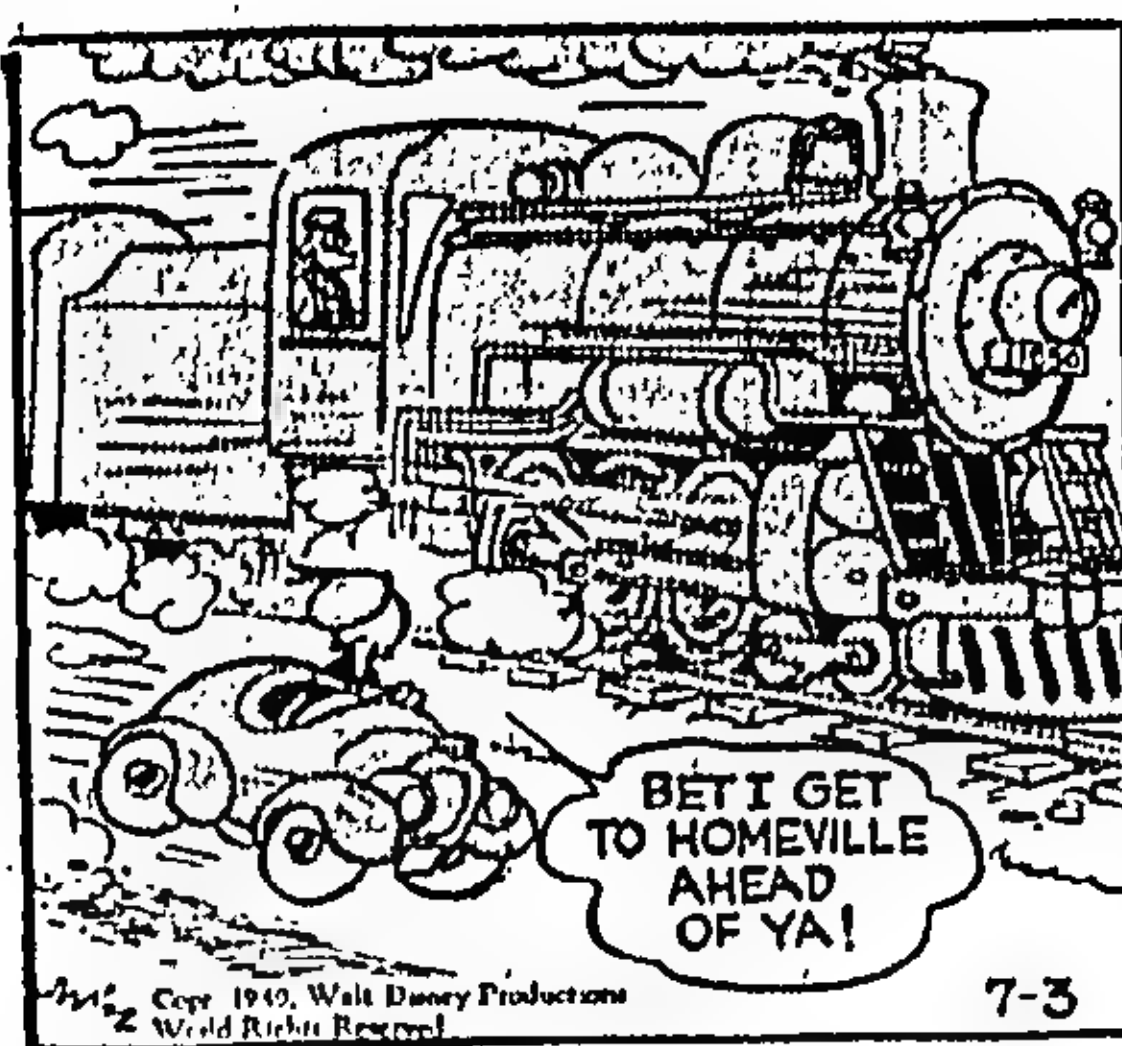
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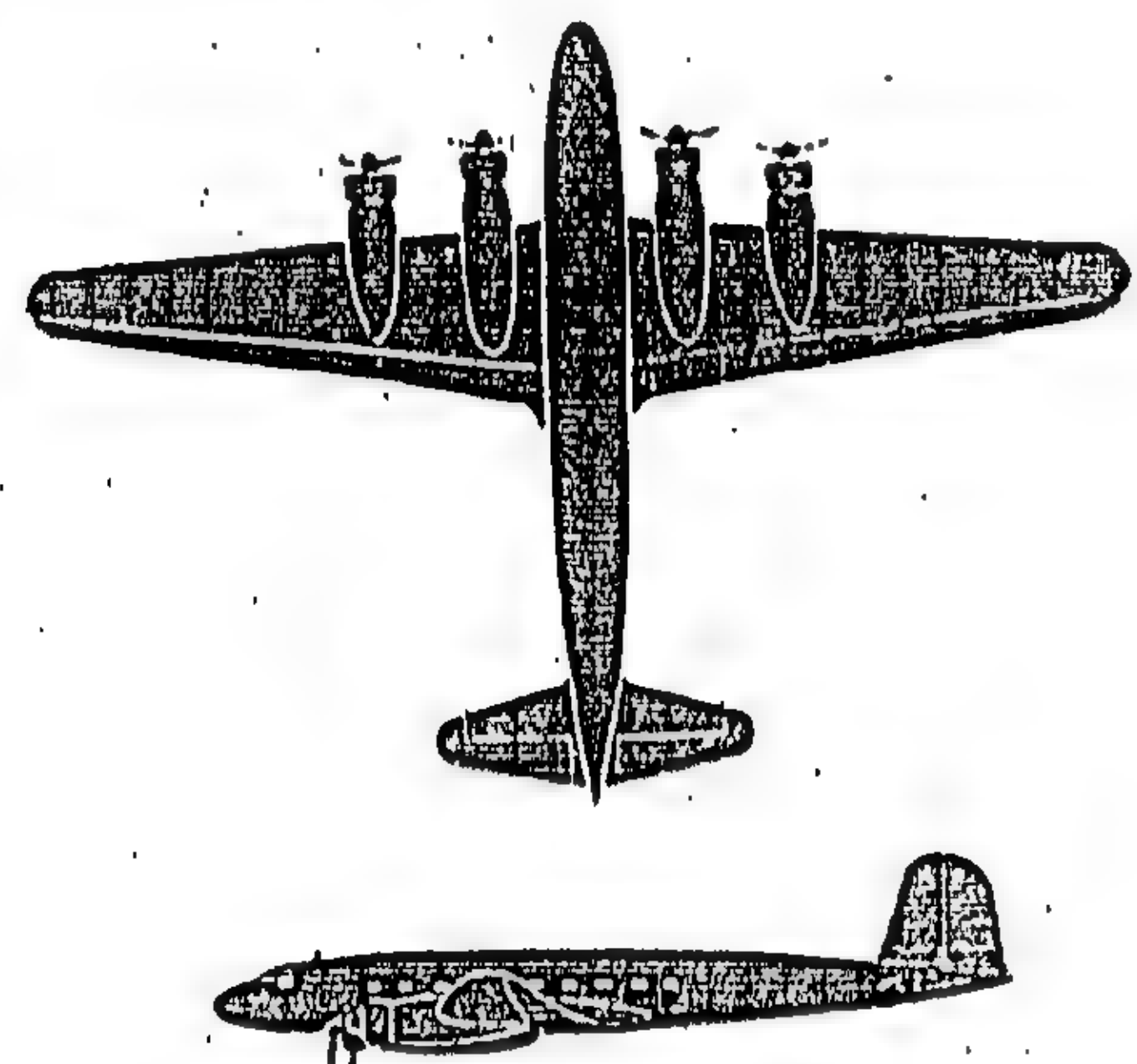
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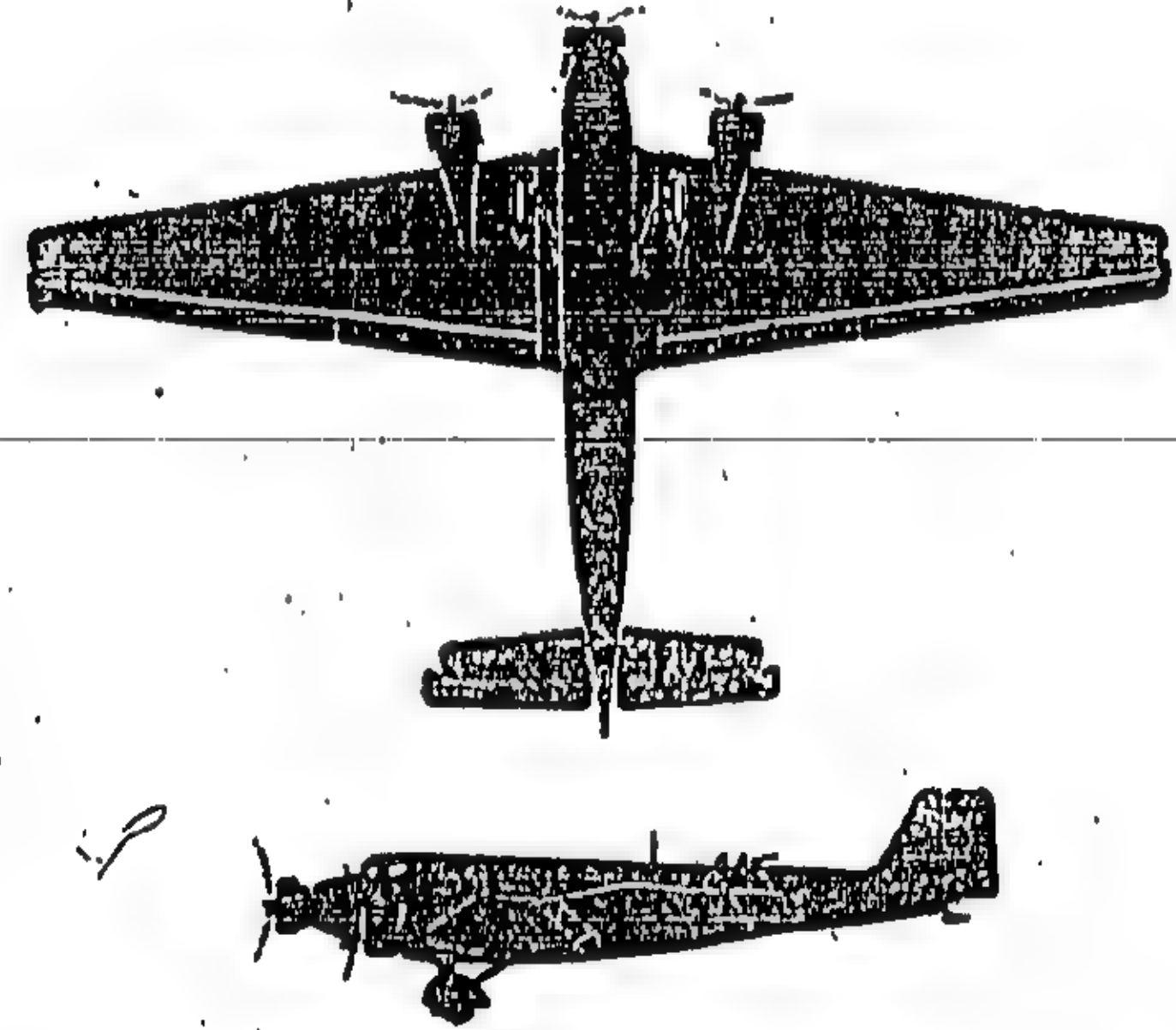
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These are Nazi Planes

The British Government is issuing these plans of German planes so that the public may learn to recognise them.



(Above) The Focke-Wulf 20 "Condor" has a span of 108ft., a length of 78ft. Distinctive features: Four engines, low wing, single rudder, tapered wing, rounded wing tips and tail plane, retractable undercarriage, smooth streamlined fuselage. (Below) The Junkers Ju-52 has span of 95ft., length 62ft. Distinctive features: Three engines, low wing, single square-cut rudder, sharply tapered wings, square-cut wing tips and tail plane, fixed undercarriage. This is the most important German troop carrier and normally used for parachute dropping.



ONE TOUCH ON THE BUTTON...

IN a matter of seconds this British bomber will be over its objective. The man at the bomb sights is ready for action; see the thumb of his right hand there on the pressure-button control, like the bell-push you have beside your bed when you are in hospital.

The moment he pushes that little button his bomb load is instantly released—maybe one bomb; maybe two or three at once. And that's where the bomber pilot has to be on the alert. His machine carries anything up to 18cwt. of bombs distributed evenly under the wing on either side of the fuselage. You've seen probably in a big hall or a cinema a control panel carrying perhaps a dozen electric light switches. It's a panel like that which the pilot has to watch in releasing his bombs.

The raid works this way. The pilot (top back in Artist Haworth's sketch) is in complete and constant telephonic touch with his man at the bombsights (in the foreground). This man sees their target moving slowly into range. Warns the pilot how they're progressing, a few more thousand yards and that will do it. The pilot pulls a lever in his cockpit; lets down the bomb doors. Now comes the switchboard. He'll let the Nazis have three to be going on with. Down go bomb switches 1, 3, and 5.

THAT means those three bombs—only those three—are ready for release. He gives the O.K. to the man at the sights. It's up to him now. When he presses that button with his right thumb away they go, and up lurches the plane. The pilot has to be ready for that. A tricky business.



The whole success of the raid depends on this man's calculations. The pilot follows his directions word by word.

First they must steady the plane as much as anti-aircraft shells and searchlights and Nazi fighters (if any) will allow. Then the man at the sights sets the scale A, and the speed by height of the plane on the screw D. Next he adjusts the screw B on the wind-speed bar and the foresight F is brought into correct position.

So far so good. Now the tail drift must be calculated and the tail-drift bar, just below the letter F, has also to be set. All the while the bomb man is watching his compass E and guiding the pilot accordingly.

One further check-up through backsight B and foresight F, and then the instant the target appears between the two arrows G home goes that right thumb on the button and away go the bombs.

If all the calculations have been correct, they're dead on the mark.

Charlie Bans Chaplin!

CHARLES CHAPLIN has obtained an injunction against the distribution of 2,200,000 copies of "Life" magazine, which contain a full-page picture of him as "The Dictator," not yet authorised for publication.

Judge Knox granted the injunction after the comedian brought a suit for £20,000 against the publishers. The judge ruled that 1,600,000 copies of the magazine already in the hands of newspapers might be sold, but the rest, printed but unshipped, must be scrapped.

Chaplin's case was that the photograph would interfere with the profits of the forthcoming film "The Dictator" by premature exploitation of the central character.

Daily Quotation

LET US be true: this is the highest maxim of art and of life, the secret of eloquence and virtue, and of all moral authority.—AMIEL'S JOURNAL.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"I don't know nothin' about fish, young feller... I'm an artist's model!"

God Helps Those ...

By RICHARD HUGHES

The famous author of "High Wind in Jamaica" lives in a small English village. He describes here what such small villages should do in preparation for the blitzkrieg.

A RECENT article gave an account of the organisation of a certain L.D.V. platoon in a country district. Here are two other suggestions to the villages of Great Britain for their defence against air-attack—this time, their civil defence.

For those who live in rural areas have got to realise that no centralised A.R.P. scheme, however well devised, can serve so completely as it can serve a more thickly populated area.

That is because of the vital factor of time.

It may take the fire-engine or the ambulance half an hour to arrive, at the very least; and in half an hour a fire may gain a fatal hold on a whole village; and women can bleed to death.

MANY villages have already their voluntary dressing stations and stretcher parties; and if these have been properly organised and practised well and good; but to those villages who have not got them it cannot be urged too strongly that they be organised at once.

Remember that if there is one casualty in a village from air attack there will likely enough be a dozen or more; so make your plans accordingly, don't base them on the peace-time likelihood of a single accident at a time.

Practise your stretcher drill. Know beforehand where your dressing station is to be. Know where you can get blankets and hot water if need arises. Get the

local carpenter to make stretchers and splints now, and (if you cannot afford to lay in a large supply of bandages and dressings) at least ask the local chemist to make sure that his own reserves would cover an emergency.

FEWER villages, however, are properly organised to resist fire. Yet fire is one of the greatest dangers the village has to face; and it is one in which preparedness can be of the greatest value. For speed is the first essential in fire-fighting; it counts before every other factor.

A bucket of water, properly applied in the first five minutes, can do more to save the village from burning down than a whole city fire brigade arriving an hour later.

In the large village where I live, we organised five "Fire Watcher Parties" (each equipped with four buckets and a stirrup-pump) as long ago as September 9 of last year.

Each party has its own section of the village to look after; but a messenger system has also been thoroughly practised, and by it any number of parties can be concentrated on one fire (or transferred if a new one breaks out) by orders from the Wardens' Post.

For smaller villages, perhaps, nothing so elaborate is necessary. But there should not be a village in the country without one or two such parties; and I cannot urge too strongly that some responsible person in every village should buy a copy of "The Fire Watcher Handbook" No. 9, "Inconspicuous Bombs and Fire Equipment," published by H.M. Stationery Office at 6d., and read it.

Only a little common sense is needed to adapt the "Fire Watcher Parties," there envisaged for factories and institutions, to village needs.

In these pages, too, will be found all information essential to the training of the amateur village fireman. Verbal instruction by professionals (though valuable where it can be had) is not really necessary.

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Crossword Puzzle

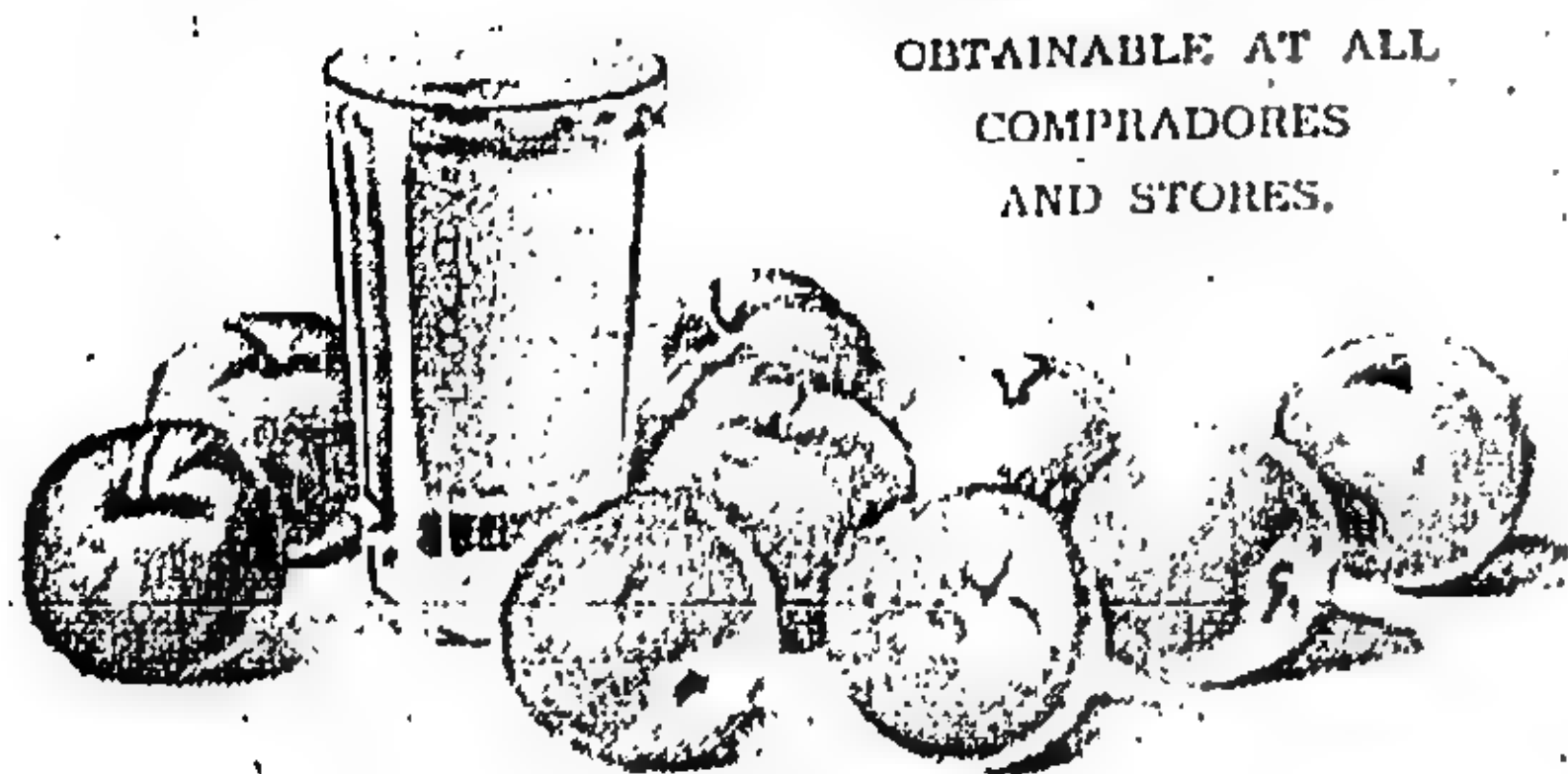
By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS
 1-Entertain a notion
 2-Belt
 3-Polynesian food
 4-Hipdip
 5-How to be true
 6-On top of
 7-Fast plate
 8-One who wanders from
 9-Income squandered with
 10-After
 11-Blowing particles
 12-Kind of rain (pl.)
 13-Thrilly gathering
 14-Falsetto
 15-The "show me" state
 16-Falls spot on
 17-Cover with grass while cooking
 18-Tend (Scottish)
 19-Lives sharply
 20-Makes hole in
 21-Decorate
 22-Frenzied three
 23-Twinkling mass of ice (pl.)
 24-Refers to state
 25-Every
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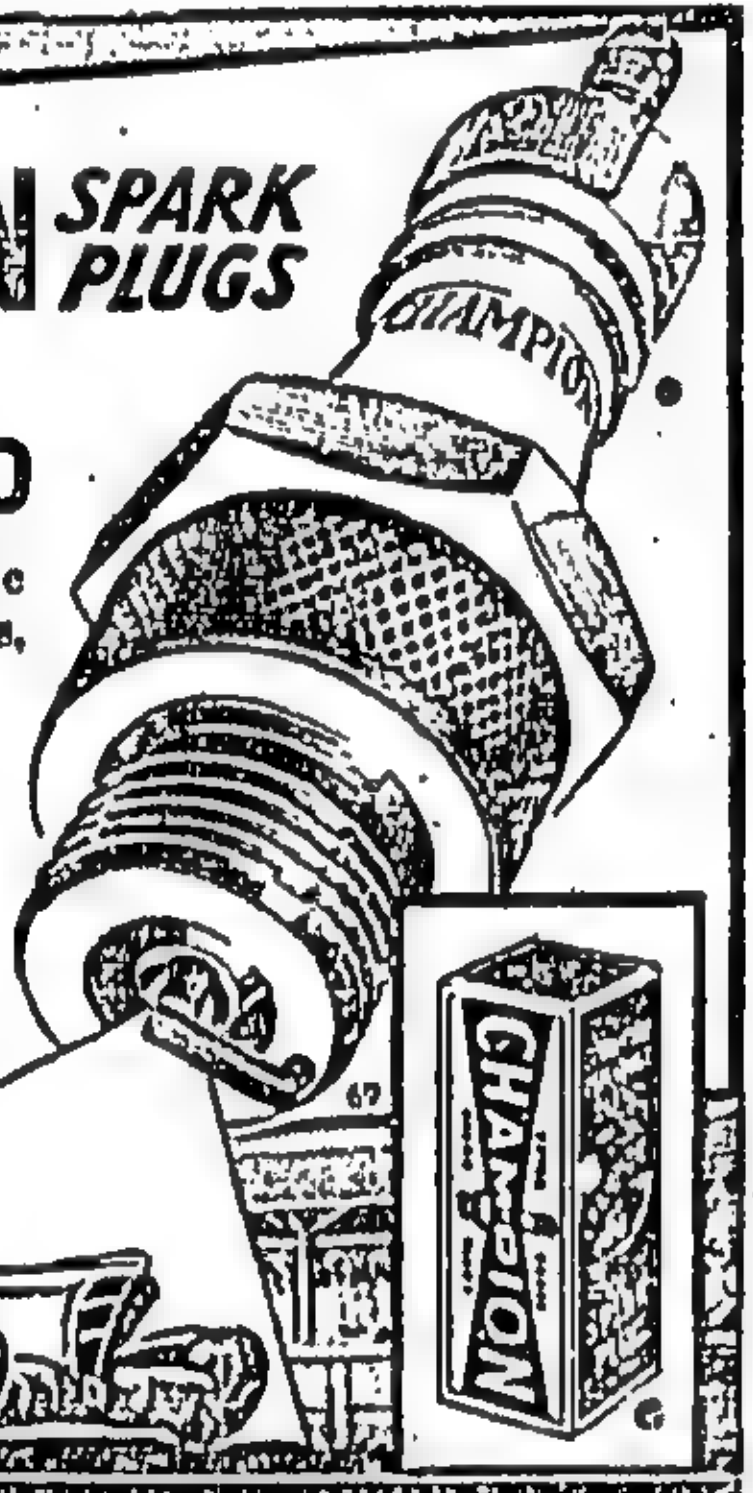
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The Good Work Continues

Now that the attention of the world is being directed towards the daily and almost continuous air raids by German planes on Britain, the nightly raids by the R.A.F. over Germany and German occupied territories are perhaps in danger of being overlooked.

The immense value of these raids carried out persistently and regularly is a very vital factor in the ultimate victory of Great Britain, and Germany knowing this, is desperately endeavouring by false figures and exaggerated statements to hide from her people and from the world generally what is happening.

What is exactly taking place? Every night for the past two months when weather conditions permitted, R.A.F. bombers—and fighters—have been attacking Germany's vital industries as well as military objectives. The success of these attacks was made possible by the reconnaissance flights carried out during the past eight months which familiarised the pilots with the terrain. While it is impossible to give details of the damage done, the R.A.F. pilots who are, incidentally, told not to unload their bombs if visibility is unfavourable, have dropped 32,000 bombs against the German 7,000 over Britain.

Each R.A.F. bomb has been directed against military or industrial points, whereas the German raiders unload their bombs apparently without any particular objective, bombs falling in open fields or on civilian houses or villages.

That the damage done by the R.A.F. is extremely serious is shown by the fact that, according to neutral observers, the bigger industrial works in the Ruhr are to be moved piecemeal to safer places in or near Czechoslovakia. This step, which must inevitably dislocate the output for many weeks, would naturally not be undertaken at a time like this if necessity did not call for it. The port of Hamburg has been described by neutral observers as "devasted"; oil plants at Hanover have been set on fire as well as numerous military and industrial centres in other parts destroyed or badly damaged.

As the "New York Times" recently stated: "There has been no persistent German attack comparable to the relentless British hammering of great railway yards in the Ruhr and Rhineland and no sign of serious interruption of British aircraft production."

Germany's efforts to disguise the truth from her people by minimising her losses and exaggerating those of Great Britain are undertaken, not only to stiffen the morale of their own population, but to restrain any attempt on the part of the occupied territories to free themselves from an unbearable yoke. The German navy with Hitler's mad invasion of



ROOSEVELT

At no time perhaps in the whole history of this country has there been graver need for its leaders and its people to understand clearly the principles and policies which are guiding the Government of the United States in its relations with other countries, particularly with those European countries now at war.

Upon what the United States and those who guide its foreign policy can, may or will do during the coming weeks and months of this desperate summer may depend the eventual victory or defeat of the Allies. (On that, again, may, of course, depend the future security of the United States and all the Americas whose protection is the responsibility of the United States. But that is another story.)

American public opinion—the final limiting check on both American foreign and domestic policy—is moving rapidly. How it moves depends on events in Europe, on what is done and said by the leaders and peoples of the countries at war. In the present highly sensitised state of American opinion, a clumsy word or act, perhaps spoken or done in all good faith but in ignorance of American aims and ideals, might do irreparable harm.

An informal and un- official survey of the growth and trends of American foreign policy since Munich switched its current from negative to positive has recently been published in the United

Norway, was to all intents and purposes destroyed, so that the German Fuehrer to-day has to depend almost entirely upon the aid of his air force in conquering Britain. Every indication of inferiority—indications which have been greatly in evidence during the past week—helps to strengthen the spirits of the conquered peoples and must at the same time tend to dampen the ardour of his friends.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY

By A Diplomatic Correspondent

CORDELL HULL

States by two young Washington newspapermen, Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner. It has been titled—a little misleadingly—"American White Paper."

We are accustomed to thinking of "white papers" as State documents, dry, precise, more than a little dull. "American White Paper" is, by contrast, journalistically bright and breezy. It describes, for instance, the breakfast-time conferences on foreign affairs between Roosevelt, Hull and Welles in the President's bedroom, which Roosevelt in bed, "comfortable against his pillows, with the morning papers in a tangle beside him, would start by reading a few sentences from the cable lying among the remains of his breakfast on the tray across his knees."

"For these sessions he used to wear a peculiar small cape of blue flannel trimmed and monogrammed with red braid, like an expensive summer horse-blanket. When the discussion grew serious the cape would slip off his pyjamaed shoulder, for he would gesture energetically, waving his cigarette

holder or tapping the cable telling of the approach of world catastrophe."

But for all its light touch "American White Paper" is a serious, searching document. Nor is its title so misleading after all, for careful study of it reveals that its authors must have had access to much inside knowledge, so much that one wonders if its publication did not have, if not official inspiration, at least official blessing.

At any rate they give a clear and demonstrably authentic picture of how the principles underlying American policy towards the Second World War were evolved against the opposing pressures of events abroad and internal politics by the policy's formulators, the President chiefly, assisted by his Secretary of State, "good grey Cordell Hull," and the two Under-Secretaries, Sumner Welles and Adolph Berle, Jun.

These principles the authors summarise as follows:

"1. 'Only by disarmament and an opening of trade can the world return to common sense.' (President Roosevelt.)

"2. 'Neutrals are parties at interest in a modern war, and particu-

larly in the post-war settlement.' (Sumner Welles.) They therefore have the right to intervene, at an appropriate time, in behalf of a world return to common sense.

"3. While no political commitments may be made outside the Western Hemisphere, economic commitments, looking towards a stable world economy, are both permissible and necessary. These economic commitments, which may entail considerable short-term sacrifices by the United States and other neutrals, will be the belligerents' reward for accepting the neutrals' intervention.

"4. Since victorious dictatorships would not conceivably join in disarmament and an opening of trade, the democracies are to be aided by 'methods short of war.'

"5. 'Whatever happens, we won't send troops abroad.' (President Roosevelt.) But this appears to be the only definite limitation on the kinds of aid for the democracies which 'methods short of war can be stretched to include.'

THE authors show how the President and his aides have applied these principles to the day-to-day relations of the United States to the warring Powers, and the efforts they have made, within the framework of those principles, to work for peace and the prevention of the spread of war.

They also show—and this is vital information for those unfamiliar with the workings of the U.S. governmental machinery—how the President is limited in the forms those efforts can take by the Constitutional and political checks on the Presidential power.

A French diplomat who spent many years in Washington was fond of saying that at least once a month in his reports to his Foreign Minister he had to use the phrase: "Le President proposed, is Senat dispose."

THE President and his State Department may make the foreign policy of the United States. But the Senate, representing the people of the United States, decides whether or not he may carry it out. Public opinion, as expressed through the Senators, is the final arbiter. How and why that is so is, for us, perhaps, the most important and valuable instruction the authors of "American White Paper" have given.

'La Libre Belgique'

"A GERMAN officer now edits the Brussels paper 'Soleil.' And so we learn that another eight million people, after the swift horror of Goering's bombs, are to be budged and dragged by Goebbels. Or has a new 'La Libre Belgique' already appeared? We may not know for a long time.

Last time the technique was less efficient: for a while Belgian papers maintained some independence, but the grip tightened and there was no news but rumour and propaganda. And 'La Libre Belgique' was born on February 1, 1915.

A slimy little paper, sally announcing that "regularly irregular," its telephone number that of the German Kommandantur. It gave news of the world outside the German pale, of the Belgian Army fighting the invaders, of the might that was ranging itself against the enemy; it treated and brought comfort and news of their country into thousands of Belgian homes isolated by the blackout of occupation. It was hunted and proscribed; it continued publication throughout the war; the hundred and seventy-first number appeared on November 12, 1918. The men who produced it were not professional conspirators, but doctors, teachers, priests, clerks, printers and so on. They improvised out of the quiet

unadventurous routine of their lives a struggle and a victory greater than any criminal achieves. Copy was smuggled out of gaol, printing presses transferred from one building to another under the eyes of German troops. After months of patient work the secret police arrested the whole staff, the paper was shut up and the staff sent to prison.

Let 12 days later a new issue lay on the desk of Brussels' German Governor and no one knew whence it came, only that 'La Libre Belgique' continued. But all the ingenuity and courage which went to produce the paper would have seemed for nothing if it had not been for the hundreds of distributors who filtered every issue throughout the country. They worked alone and in constant danger, as one was caught another took his place. They were ordinary people, the common people, who kept alive hope and belief in a freedom and liberty of which, perhaps, they had never been conscious till it was taken from them.

In many countries to-day there are thousands who fight the same oppression grown ever more ruthless, hunted and proscribed; and but one certainty—torment and death when they are caught. The story of 'La Libre Belgique' shows the immense value of freedom and liberty built and against which no tyranny can prevail.

D.S.M.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"What type does your husband like, Madam? . . . The snicker or the bolly-laugh?"

Strengths Of The Belligerent Navies

	Gr. Britain	Germany & Italy
Battleships	21	30
Cruisers (Heavy and Light)	80	30
Aircraft carriers	11	2
Destroyers	100	100 (?)
Submarines	65	100 (?)
Various smaller craft, including highspeed motor torpedo-boats	35	121 (?)

AT the present time Germany can probably muster the following ships: Four 35,000 tons, two 26,500 tons, armed respectively with 15in. and 11in. guns, and the notorious pocket battleships Deutschland and Admiral Scheer.

Shortly after the war began she was completing two large aircraft carriers of nearly 20,000 tons of high speed and strongly protected, and also supposed to carry 40 aircraft. It was assumed that these vessels were designed mainly for commerce raiding, though nothing has been heard of them up to now.

She also has four 10,000-ton heavy cruisers mounting 8in. guns and two or four to-calls light cruiser class, are the Nürnberg and Leipzig and four approximately 5,000-ton destroyers, all of which are armed with 6in. guns.

Germany began the war with 20 heavy destroyers, but at least eight of these were smashed up at Narvik or elsewhere. Of her original 70 destroyers so many have been lost that it would be idle to compute her present total. She had in the beginning about 40 to 50 high-speed motor-boats but how many of these survive is still a puzzle. On the outbreak of war Germany had about 70 submarines of various sizes and types, but so

heavy were casualties in the first three months that it is estimated that she lost 40 to 50 per cent. of her boats, with the result that in spite of intensive construction she is still probably weaker in submarine strength than she was ten months ago.

Italy's main strength at sea resides, or shortly will reside, in eight battleships, of which four are new and of 35,000 tons with a speed of 30 knots, a main armament of nine 15in. guns and very heavy protection.

It is claimed that these ships will be the latest and most efficient battleships in the world, and except Roma their names commemorate the alleged great victories in Italy of the last war.

Her other four battleships were laid down before the last war and although thoroughly modernized cannot be compared to her fighting power with their four later sisters.

Besides these heavyweights, Italy has four well-armed cruisers mounting 8in. guns, which I have visited and found excellent ships. This, indeed, might be said of cruiser construction in general, for which Italy does seem to have a genius. Taken in all, the Italian cruiser fleet, heavy and light, numbers 28 and undoubtedly represents a force to be reckoned with, well built and well equipped.

HECTOR BYWATER

UNHAPPY REPORTS FROM SOMALILAND

Premier Says Position Is "Unsatisfactory"

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill said he had some unsatisfactory news about Somaliland, where "a small British force, which was occupying the Tugargan position in the north-east of Hargeisa, has been driven back by greatly superior Italian forces, amounting to two divisions supported by armed vehicles and considerable artillery."

"As the operations are still in progress, I cannot say any more, but I shall be dealing generally with the eastern situation in my statement next week."

Mr. Churchill announced that he would make a statement on the war situation next Tuesday followed by a public debate.

The House would adjourn next Thursday until September 5.

The war situation will also be discussed in the House of Lords next Tuesday.

Swinton Committee

Replying to questions on the "Swinton Committee," Mr. Churchill said he was sorry that questions were asked about this organization because it made people think that there was something mysterious about it. Nothing could be more straightforward.

About ten weeks ago, after the dark and vile conspiracy which in a few days laid the trustful Dutch people at the mercy of Nazi aggression, a wave of alarm passed over the whole country lest the same kind of undermining tactics and treacherous agents of our enemy were at work in our island.

Several branches of the State Departments were of course always charged with the duty of frustrating such designs. Mr. Churchill continued, and he felt in the hour of anxiety that this side of the business of national defence wanted pulling together.

He, therefore, asked Lord Swinton to undertake the task.

Fifth Column Danger

Great improvement had been effected in dealing with the fifth column danger. Mr. Churchill said he was satisfied that it had been reduced to its proper proportions and was being gripped and looked after with very high efficiency.

It was important that this should be so because although we were very much stronger than in May the danger of invasion had by no means passed away and "we are repeatedly assured by German circles from foreign countries about the performance which is about to begin." (Laughter).

The Premier had earlier deprecated putting questions on the order paper regarding the Swinton Committee and Mr. A. Hopkinson (Independent) asked if the Government had power to prevent such questions being put on the order paper.

Mr. Hopkinson also referred to the

Italy Admits Long War Likely

ZURICH, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—"On the basis of the present military situation," a long war is possible, according to the Italian newspaper, "Corriere della Sera," states a despatch from Milan to the "Deutscher Zeitung."

The "Corriere" also says that more raids over Italian towns are to be expected.

Woman Inaugurates War Plane Fund

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Mrs. Dorothy Clark, born in Grenada, West Indies, now a resident in England and wife of Squadron Leader Clark, is appealing for subscriptions from the girls and women of the Empire named Dorothy to purchase a Spitfire to be named Dorothy Spitfire. Subscriptions can be sent through any British bank to Lloyds Bank, Sheffield, England, addressed to Dorothy Spitfire Fund.

"mystery" attaching to the Committee.

Premier's Rebuke

Mr. Churchill, replying, said "if Mr. Hopkinson had paid half his attention to the full statement he had just made as he did when he was accustomed to obstruct my efforts to get this country defended before the war, he would not have asked that question."

Rising angrily to his feet, Mr. Hopkinson asked the Speaker for his protection against "gross lying and innuendo." (Cries of "Withdraw"). Mr. Churchill said that so far from withdrawing he would send Mr. Hopkinson one of his interventions in which he did his very utmost to discredit me.

HONGKONG KIDDIES PREPARE TO LEAVE MANILA



PHOTOGRAPH was taken in Manila just before the evacuees departed from the Philippines capital for Australia. Some of the mothers are in the background.

Journey's End For Hongkong Evacuees

BY THE "TELEGRAPH" REPORTER WITH THE EVACUEES

MELBOURNE, Aug. 16.—Melbourne loomed tantalisingly before the eyes of 183 women and 168 children for nine hours yesterday, as the stately Dutch liner in which they had just completed their 8,000 mile voyage from Hongkong lay off St. Kilda, famous summer swimming resort, awaiting a berth.

They were the first of the official evacuees to arrive in Victoria.

Altogether, 1,281 of Hongkong's evacuees will make their new homes in the southernmost State on the Australian continent. The remaining 930 are expected to arrive from Sydney within a week.

Berthed in Afternoon

The Dutch liner, which passed through the Heads shortly after dawn this morning, did not berth until late this afternoon.

Motor cars and fast electric trains were waiting to take the women and children to their new homes.

As they came down the gangway they laughed and joked and appeared in fine spirits.

Australian Government accommodation officials were aboard the liner immediately it arrived this morning and before it berthed every evacuee had received little printed slips indicating their destination by car or train.

From what I have already seen, the accommodation provided is all that can be desired, and no evacuee should be unhappy on this score.

Ship's Officers As Nursemaids

The Dutch ship's officers and Australian baggage men with little red peak caps played capable roles as nursemaids as the voyage came to an end, aiding the weary and slightly homesick mothers with their children.

Before we parted, I interviewed several of the evacuees.

Mrs. W. Stoker was met on arrival by Mr. and Mrs. J. Way, of the Hongkong Electric Company, who are in Australia on leave.

She told me: "I am glad to be in Melbourne at last. Everything has been wonderfully comfortable aboard the Dutch ship. We transferred from the— to another Dutch liner in Sydney."

Mrs. Stoker's small son bore out her testimony and looked the picture of rosy health.

Didn't Like Sydney Harbour

Miss Dorothy Moss said: "The trip was rather uneventful, and I was very disappointed with Sydney Harbour. It isn't as pretty as our Hongkong Harbour."

I also spoke to Miss Norah White-stone, who has been suffering from ill-health since her departure from Hongkong, and who was carried off the evacuee ship in a stretcher.

Mrs. Williams, well-known as the manageress of the Caravan in Hongkong, told me: "I'm glad it's all over. We can settle down to our new homes now after all the hectic happenings of the past few weeks."

Incidentally, the accommodation aboard the Dutch liner arriving in Melbourne, to which the vanguard of the evacuees transferred in Sydney,

London Air Raid Sirens Shriek

CROYDON AIRPORT BOMBED BY NAZIS

LONDON, Aug. 15 (UP).—For the first time, German planes raided the outskirts of London to-day, when they attacked Croydon Airport.

Despite adverse weather, raids on England continued at an even tempo than hitherto.

But the Germans are boasting, in their newspapers and over the radio, that increasing masses of bombers will be flung into mighty air onslaughts as soon as the weather improves.

The raid on Croydon caused the air raid alarm to be sounded in London for the first time in the present blitzkrieg.

City dwellers were able to catch glimpses of the Nazi planes on the outskirts, where they clashed with Spitfires.

Raid On Croydon

Between 20 and 30 Nazi machines took part in the raid on Croydon. Three were shot down.

Windows rattled throughout the city as anti-aircraft guns went into action and the concussion of exploding bombs was clearly audible.

Two children were killed when a lone Nazi plane machine-gunned the streets in a north-east seaside town. The children were playing in a field on the outskirts of the town when the German plane appeared.

After dropping four bombs on the town, the plane flew low over the countryside, machine-gunning every person it could see.

The two children were killed outright by the flying bullets.

A fire worker was also wounded by bullets from the plane.

Another wave of Nazi bombers flew over the Thames Estuary during the afternoon, but dropped no bombs.

They were quickly chased off by anti-aircraft fire and Spitfires.

Nine Planes Shot Down

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Nine enemy planes are hitherto reported to be down to-day, namely five in south-east England, one in north-east Scotland and three in north-east England. Two of these fell into the sea and one on land.

Tremendous aerial activity over the north-east coast of England this afternoon. A large number of Spitfires and Hurricanes were seen flashing in and out of the clouds, engaging unseen raiders.

A number of high explosive bombs were dropped in the south-east—strictly of a town, causing flames to shoot above the houses.

A terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire was heard.

Bombs were dropped in two villages near a town, damaging property and causing some casualties.

Enemy aircraft were also heard over south-east England.

Official Communique

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states that enemy aircraft again appeared in large numbers off our coasts to-day.

During the morning, a large force of bombers unsuccessfully attacked several Air Force aerodromes in the south-east.

Our fighters engaged the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties.

Early in the afternoon a number of enemy aircraft crossed the north-east coast. Bombs were dropped on the Tyneside area and in the residential district of Sunderland.

No damage of any military importance was caused and the number of persons injured was very small, though some were killed.

Further inland, bombs were dropped on several towns.

Not comparable with that provided aboard the first ship.

But nobody minded that. The trip to Australia was delightful—the Dutch officers, kindness personified, and the reception by Australia, has quickly dispelled any fears we may have had about the future.

Escapes From Nazi Prison Camp

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Wing Commander Basil Edward Embry, the first R.A.F. officer to win two bars to the D.S.O., reported a prisoner of war last month, is now in England, having escaped from a German prison camp.

Seven of our fighters were lost but four of the pilots are safe.

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A short brisk fight ensued. Although outnumbered by eight to one, the Beneluxes sent down two Heinkels and heavily damaged at least two others.

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GOVERNOR AIDS WAR WORK



OF INTEREST to Hongkong is this photograph of the Governor of Gambra, Sir Thomas Southern (second from right) and Lady Southern (extreme left), shown opening a fete organised by the Gambian Women War Workers and Busy Bees in aid of Red Cross Funds. The French Consul, M. Orce, is speaking. Sir Thomas Southern was formerly Colonial Secretary in Hongkong.

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MOST SAVAGE AIR ATTACKS OF WAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK Aug. 15 (UP).—Germany's bombers struck at the outskirts of metropolitan London to-day, climaxing the most savage attack of the war on the British Isles.

To-day's aerial attacks rose close to a blitzkrieg crescendo as a crisis developed in Greece, with indications that some Italian move is imminent there—possibly timed to coincide with a full-scale attack on Britain.

German Claims

The official DNB news agency in Berlin claimed that German planes have flown over London during the day in order to attack points in the Thames Valley—the great waterway which is one of the arteries of the city's commerce.

Britain admitted that Croydon Airport and Tilbury had been attacked. But the Germans, despite their own claims, appear to have paid heavily for their temerity.

Latest reports indicate that at least 80 Nazi machines were brought down in the course of the day—the highest daily record of the war.

Eleven of the Nazi machines were brought down by anti-aircraft fire. Nineteen Spitfires and Hurricanes were lost, only five of their pilots saving their lives by parachuting to earth.

Nazi claims continued on a fantastic scale. They said to-night that 90 British planes had been brought down in the course of the day's operations over England.

Admit Big Losses

But they admitted that their own losses were greater than on any other day in the offensive. Twenty-nine German planes, they say, have failed to return to their bases.

Now the Germans have something else to worry about. Britain it seems, has perfected a new defensive system which employs a secret "plane trap."

It was tried out to-day and completely wrecked a Nazi bomber. All the occupants were killed.

Meanwhile, despite the adverse weather conditions, the R.A.F. has not been idle and has returned in good measure the bombs dumped by the Nazis.

An Air Ministry communique reports that several points in Germany and German-occupied territory were severely bombed during the day. Amongst these was Cologne.

Four British planes failed to return from their missions.

Royal Tours Of Inspection

Aircraft Factory Is Visited By King

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—There were three Royal tours of inspection to-day.

His Majesty the King inspected an aircraft factory where he saw planes in every stage of production. He was particularly interested in the modern high-speed transport plane carrying from 12 to 20 passengers.

Queen In London

The Queen visited the Beaufort Institute in London, where she saw 300 women being put through a 3-month course before going to munitions factories.

Among them were actresses, novelists, waitresses, designers, housewives and artists.

The Duke of Kent visited the Ministry of Information where he was conducted round the news censorship and photograph departments. He visited the conference room where journalists from all over the world were receiving the latest information about the progress of the war.

BRILLIANT VICTORY

30 Fighters Beat 200 Messerschmitts

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. scored another brilliant victory in a one-sided battle between 30 Spitfires and Hurricanes and 200 Messerschmitts in the south-west area this evening.

It is stated at a coast town, which had the tail end of the fight, that anything up to 20 enemy planes were accounted for.

Germans who had baled out were being brought into town from all directions.

There was one fatal casualty when 80 German bombers raided the south-east coast in the evening.

All bombs fell near the sea front, a hall being wrecked by a cluster of four bombs.

Polish Troops Celebrate

Memories Recalled Of 20 Years Ago

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Poland to-day celebrated her biggest national holiday, the anniversary of the Miracle of Vistula, on British soil.

General Sikorski, reviewed Polish troops on a golf course in Scotland. Later he joined them at the field mass celebrations of a day 20 years ago when Marshal Pilsudski drove back the Bolsheviks from the gates of Warsaw.

"Poland Will Rise Again" Scottish pipers in full regalia played the Polish National Anthem as General Sikorski and Lord Hamilton (representing the King) walked round a square formed by 6,000 men of the Polish Brigade.

"Poland will rise again," said General Sikorski, addressing his troops. "In these fateful days we stand by Britain until victory brings a reconstruction of Europe."

RED CROSS WORK VIA BURMA RD.

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Replying to questions in the House of Commons whether the Government would consider permitting the passage of the necessary petrol for lorries and ambulances to convey medical stores over the Burma Road, Mr. R. A. Butler said the question of facilities for Red Cross work in China, including the provision of petrol, was being actively considered.

The Empire Air Training Scheme

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the Under-Secretary for Air, Captain H. H. Balfour, arrived in Canada to-day to discuss various matters in connection with the Empire Air Training Scheme.

It is stated that the scheme is well ahead of schedule and that excellent progress continues to be made.

PARACHUTE MYSTERY

Believed Work Of Fifth Columnists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 15 (UP).—Further indications that the parachute "scare" may have been the work of fifth columnists in England was provided to-day with the discovery of some parachutes in a field of grain.

Investigation disclosed that the grain had not been trampled down or disturbed, as would have been the case had the parachutists landed from the air.

Sabotage Instructions Near some of the parachutes were written instructions, in German, purporting to have been issued to the parachutists, and telling them what, where and when to carry out sabotage operations.

It is believed these "instructions" were deliberately dropped. Other evidence indicates that the whole thing was a hoax.

New Type Of 'Chute

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, Aug. 15 (Dome).—The London Correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" states that the parachutes found in the Midlands, Scotland and Wales are constructed on an entirely new principle.

The new type parachute can sustain two tons of equipment in addition to the parachutist, according to the correspondent.

Parachutists can also descend in safety from an altitude of only 240 feet, the correspondent claims.

Seventeen parachutes were found in the Midlands, 16 in Scotland and several in Wales.

German Denial

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Aug. 15 (Dome).—DNB states that reports of the landing of German parachutists in England and Scotland have been denied in official Nazi quarters.

DNB attributes the circulation of the reports to a British attempt to lay at Germany's door "a charge of unfair war methods."

Stunt Fails LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The dropping of parachutes by enemy aircraft during the night of August 13-14 is authoritatively described as no more than a clumsy effort on the part of the enemy to undermine British morale.

It is evident that the whole incident was organised by the Germans partly for the purpose of spreading alarm, which it has noticeably failed to do, and partly as an aid to their defunct propaganda.

More 'Chutes Dropped SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Aug. 15 (UP).—Further parachutes have been dropped on England. The Ministry of Information states that some of these parachutes were seen in the act of falling. All were empty.

Others fell in their containers without opening. Some landed on roof tops and trees.

Home Guards were on the spot ready to pick them up.

MORE TAXATION WARNING

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Finance Bill was read a third time and sent to the House of Lords.

Replying to the debate, Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said further taxation was obviously inevitable at the time of this imposition, must depend on the response to appeals for subscription to Government loans.

He added that it was hoped to bring the purchase tax into operation at the beginning of October.

Duke Of Windsor Leaves Hamilton

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 15 (UP).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor left Hamilton for Nassau to-day.

Upon arrival in Nassau, the Duke will assume his duties as Governor General of the Bahamas.

BRITONS' SPLENDID RESOLUTION

Warm Tribute Is Paid By Japanese Journalist

(The following voluntary tribute to the British people is paid by Shiro Kuno, Domei Staff Correspondent in London, in a special cable to Japan)

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 15, (Dome).—True to tradition, Londoners to-day were cool and self-possessed in the face of the mounting threat of Nazi aerial warfare and blitzkrieg.

Every Englishman is confident that the British naval, aerial and land forces can repel any German attempt to land troops on British soil.

Londoners are receiving the reports of the outcome of the great aerial battles with satisfaction. They are confident that there is no reason why the Air Ministry reports of staggering German losses of planes should be disbelieved.

Doomed To Failure Few people in London doubt that Hitler will, some time or other, attempt to bridge the English Channel with his legions.

Even fewer people believe that the attempted invasion will succeed.

The Englishman's confidence is based upon his trust in the invincibility of the Royal Navy and his belief that the Royal Air Force can effectively continue to check the Nazi aerial onslaughts.

Outwardly, London has not changed. A few more Home Guards are seen, briskly training. The blue-uniformed R.A.F. pilots step out whilst on leave with his girl friend. Officers sip their tea in the city's cafes.

But in all there is the determination of the British people to resist Hitler at all cost.

Germans Machine-Gun Rescuers

Shocking Outrage In English Channel

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique states that when a British motor torpedo-boat went to the rescue of a German pilot who was seen to bale out of his aircraft and come down in the English Channel to-day, it was found that the German pilot, who was wounded, was entangled in his parachute.

One of the crew of the motor torpedo-boat dived overboard to assist in getting the German clear.

Planes Got To Work While he was thus engaged and the motor torpedo-boat was lying stopped alongside the man in the water, three German seaplanes appeared and machine-gunned the motor torpedo boat and the man in the water from a low altitude.

Three of the crew of the M.T.B. were wounded.

In order to avoid further casualties, the M.T.B. re-embarried the rating from the water and got under way, being forced to leave the wounded German pilot to his fate.

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Two Men Caught And Found Guilty

Charged with avoiding payment of ferry fare and using or attempting to use someone else's monthly ticket, two men were found guilty by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

Sgt. Alexander said about 8.30 a.m. this morning, defendant whilst travelling on a Yuenai Ferry was asked by an inspector to produce his ticket. Defendant took out 10 cents.

On doing this the inspector saw an August monthly ticket and asking defendant whether it was his, he said it was.

The inspector then gave defendant a verification card and told him to write his name. It was then found that the ticket was not defendant's. Taken to the Police Station defendant said he wore his fuki's jacket by mistake.

Avoiding Payment Kwok Kin-man, 20, unemployed, of 13 Granville Road was also charged before Mr. Macfadyen with avoiding payment of ferry fare.

It was said that when defendant was asked for his ticket he nodded his head but later failed to produce it and said he left it at home.

He was taken to the office where it was revealed that he did not possess a monthly ticket.

Defendant, who was on bail of \$25 was fined \$15.

FLYING BOAT'S SECOND TRIP

BUOCHERVILLE, Quebec, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The flying-boat Clave arrived here this afternoon, thus completing her second east to west Atlantic crossing in the space of 12 days.

It is reported that Captain H. H. Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, was on board.

(It is reported elsewhere in this issue that Capt. Balfour arrived in Canada yesterday in connection with the Empire Training Scheme).

HINGHWA BAY SAID MINED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" JAPANESE NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 15 (Dome).—The Japanese Navy is believed to have mined the entrance to Hinghwa Bay.

An official communique states that "dangerous objects" have been placed in the bay in accordance with military requirements.

Fresh operations have been launched against the Hinghwa Bay area, which is about 80 miles north-east of Amoy.

SHANGHAI DISPUTE JAPANESE ADAMANT

Demand To Patrol British Sector

NOTWITHSTANDING earlier reports that yesterday's conference in Shanghai of the British, American, Italian and Japanese defence authorities had agreed to joint patrol by Japan and America of the British sector in the International Settlement, it appeared this morning that the conferees failed to reach agreement.

Proposals by the British and American representatives that the British sector be jointly patrolled by U.S. Marines and Japanese soldiers were rejected by the Japanese representatives.

Japanese Insist It is understood that the Japanese insisted that the British sector be taken over by Japan.

The Japanese demands were based on "Japan's predominant position" in the Shanghai area and that military operations were still in progress.

It is believed that a further meeting of the four Powers will be necessary before satisfactory arrangements can be reached.

The position adopted by the Italian representatives at the conference is not clear.

Japanese Vote Against Plan SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (UP).—The defence commanders have issued a joint communique stating that the Japanese and Americans will jointly patrol the British sector in the International Settlement.

The Japanese will take over the western sector and the Americans will take over the central and west Hongkew districts.

The communique states that the plan was adopted by majority vote, the Japanese voting against the proposal, which was supported by Britain and America. Italy abstained from voting.

Japan has reserved the right to submit alternate plans later. The decision is subject to the approval of the Governments concerned as well as of the Municipal Council.

The decision to grant control of the western Hongkew district to the U.S. Marines has surprised observers, who anticipated that the Japanese would insist on everything north of Soochow Creek. The disposition of this sector is important because in this sector lie the Chinese courts, which are still under Chumpking control, despite repeated Japanese efforts to gain control on behalf of the Nanking regime.

S.M.C. Approval SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (UP).—The Shanghai Municipal Council has passed a resolution supporting the majority decision of the Defence Commanders that the British sector be jointly patrolled by Japanese and American troops.

The Council, at the same time, acknowledges the Japanese opposition and agrees to consider any Japanese counter proposals.

Tokyo Criticism SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Aug. 15 (UP).—The "Hokko Shimbun" demands that the U.S. garrison be immediately withdrawn from China.

In an editorial to-day the paper says: "If the United States takes over British patrol rights in China, it will be sowing the seeds of future trouble."

Japan must watch the attitude of the United States with stern resolution.

Japanese Attitude SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (UP).—The situation as a result of yesterday's voting at the Defence Commanders' conference is somewhat obscure this morning.

It is now not certain what effect the Japanese vote will have, because this is the first occasion on which any nation has ever voted against a majority decision.

The defence plans for the International Settlement were drawn up several decades ago, when all foreign Powers in Chinese were in close co-operation.

Authoritative quarters say that Japan is free to reject the decision arrived at yesterday's conference.

However, in such a case, the remaining members of the Defence Council would probably carry out their own decisions.

The Japanese military authorities will issue a special announcement at 11 a.m., clarifying the Japanese attitude.

Observers regard as significant the fact that the Italians yesterday refrained from voting when they had an opportunity to co-operate with the Japanese, in which case the conference would have been deadlocked.

Americans Taking Over SHANGHAI, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The Americans are taking over the Hongkew posts and not the Japanese as reported earlier.

The fact that the Italian delegate abstained from voting is widely thought to indicate a surprise rift between the "Axis friends" here as an Italian vote favouring the Japanese could have forced a deadlock.

\$500 NOTE STOLEN FROM ROOM

It was reported to the Police by Capt. S. C. Thuyssen that a \$500 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note was stolen from his room at 10 Tak Shing Street yesterday.

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R.A.F. WRECK HAVOC ON OIL STORES

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An extraordinary scene of destruction was witnessed by the R.A.F. pilots participating on Wednesday night in highly successful raids by a strong force of heavy bombers on oil refineries and storage tanks on Girende, near Bordeaux, according to the Air Ministry news service.

These installations are stated to be among the most important in France, and since the German occupation the enemy doubtless have been making full use of this valuable addition to their fuel resources.

Wednesday night's operations, says the Air Ministry news service, may well have entirely deprived the Germans of their use, for it is believed that a great part of the refineries and tanks were totally destroyed.

Streams Of Burning Oil Refineries and the nearby tanks were reduced by a succession of heavy accurate attacks to a vast blazing wreckage; from which streams of burning oil were seen flowing along the ground.

So many fires were started that instead of helping the pilots coming later, the mass of flames made identification more difficult. One pilot even saw the glare 140 miles away.

A plant, in which oil residues are further broken down, and an oil storage farm 12 miles north of Bordeaux were almost totally destroyed.

For two and a half hours, raiders after raider flew into position and dropped bombs. Pilots described how they saw streams of blazing oil gushing from the shattered tanks and towards the end a pall of smoke so dense that a raider arriving at 10,000 feet found observation difficult owing to the smoke through which he was flying.

One pilot described getting a direct hit, following which a sheet of flame shot 400 feet into the air. After this, three explosions bumped his aircraft.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—It is announced from the White House that President Roosevelt is leaving to-morrow to spend a week-end watching the manoeuvres of the First United States Army in the northern part of New York state.

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U.S. WARSHIPS FOR W. I. CONCESSIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The "New York Post" today prints a story to the effect that negotiations for Britain to receive American destroyers and torpedo-boats in return for concessions to the United States in the West Indies are almost complete.

The story comes from the paper's Washington correspondent, who says that the final decision may be reached within a few days.

According to this correspondent, Britain is reported to have offered the United States a certain British island and the right to construct naval, military or air bases on any British territory in the Western Hemisphere.

Embassy Silent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The British Embassy, when asked about the island story, said it had no statement to make and referred enquirers to the United States Department.

The latter said it knew of no such conversation.

Despite these statements, the belief prevails in well-informed quarters that while formal negotiations may not be going on, the matter may have been broached informally and unofficially.

Exaggeration

In expressing the belief that it was an exaggeration to say that such arrangement was "almost complete," well-informed quarters have pointed

Prince Starhemberg Fights For Allies

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—In a written reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, stated that Prince Starhemberg was in the French Air Force and is now a member of the Free French Air Force under General de Gaulle.

out that for one thing the destroyers could not be released without a special act of Congress, but nobody doubts that a *quid pro quo* basis would recommend itself both to Congress and the Navy.

Ever since the war began, there has been much agitation in Congress and the Press for steps towards securing one of the British West Indian islands as a naval and air base to protect the Panama Canal.

Naval experts have publicly stated more than once that possession of Trinidad, for such, a base would make the Canal almost impregnable to an attack from the Atlantic.

GREEK CRUISER TORPEDOED



Mystery surrounds the torpedoing of the Greek cruiser *Helle* near the island of Tinos, which occurred yesterday during anniversary celebrations. According to a "Reuter" report received this morning it is authoritatively stated in London that no British submarine is operating near Tinos, although it is known that Italian submarines have been in that area recently. Above is a picture of the torpedoed *Helle*.

NAVY BOTTLES UP THE MEDITERRANEAN

GIBRALTAR, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—"I have just returned from a 48-hour cruise in the Straits of Gibraltar aboard a British warship," writes "Reuter's" special correspondent.

"My experience has convinced me that a ship can pass into or out of the Mediterranean only if the Royal Navy so desires.

"Italian merchant vessels, like Italy's 'fighting ships,' have been swept from the surface. Before Italy declared war, the

"During my 48 hours' of steaming, only six vessels appeared. They were all Spanish, plying between Spain and Spanish Morocco."

Italians Raid Wajir

NAIROBI, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that yesterday Wajir was bombed by three Caproni aircraft. A number of heavy bombs were dropped, causing no damage. At the time of the raid, our fighters were in the air and immediately engaged the Capronis which escaped in low clouds.

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1.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Trial by Jury," and "The Pirates of Penzance."

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2.

6.30 Brahms' Songs.

O' Vassell, Ich Deich Den Weg Zuruck, Op. 63, No. 8, Vier Ernste Gesänge, Op. 121, No. 3: O Tod, O Tod, wie bitter, Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

6.40 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.42 Light—Hallet Egyptian.

6.45 An Orchestral Concert with Vocal Items by Miliza Korjus and Hubert Elsdell.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.

8.05 A Variety Programme.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs" by Wickham Steed.

9.45 Derek Oldam (Tenor) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Bless You (Ivor Novello); For You Alone (Geehl); Life In The Vienna Prater (Translatour); Drink, Drink, Brother, Drink—Waltz (Bendix); Can I Forget You (from "High, Wide and Handsome"); For Only You (Alm); Let's make a night of it; Faithful Jumping Jack (Heykens); Standchen (Heykens).

10.10 Chopin—Concerto No. 2 in F. Minor, Op. 21.

Alfred Cortot (Piano) with Orch. conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.45 Royal Command Performance, 1939.

To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell-Davies); Isobel Baillie, Elsie Sud-

daby, Astra Desmond and Chorus; The Cloud-Cap'd Towers (Stevens); Massed Chorus cond. by Sir Hugh Allen; Y Bar Glas (Welsh Folk Song); Margaret Rice and Welsh Chorus; Twankydllo (English Folk Song); Robert Easton and English Chorus; England (Parry); Mary Jarred and Massed Chorus; Jerusalem (Parry); National Anthem (Final verse); Massed Chorus.

11.0 Close down.

More Raids On Reich Territory

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communiqué states that last night strong forces of Air Force bombers attacked oil reserves and refinery plants in enemy-occupied territory at Blaye, Pauillac and Ambes (on the Gironde Estuary) near Bordeaux.

All three targets were left in flames. Other forces of bombers attacked railway sidings and a power station at Cologne.

Both yesterday and last night, a number of attacks were made on enemy aerodromes in northern France.

Four of our aircraft are missing.

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KING FAROUK'S NEW DECREE

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—King Farouk of Egypt has signed a decree abolishing the Public Debt Commission, an international body administering the country's foreign loans.

It was established in 1880 after the

B.B.C. GOES OFF AIR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 15 (Dome).—The B.B.C. went off the air at 6.30 p.m. to-day when the air raid alarm was sounded in London.

visit of the British Financial Mission to Egypt.

FORGOT HIS CAR LICENCE

Several Car Owners Summoned

Recently notices appeared in local newspapers concerning the renewal of driving licences and announcements in this respect were also made through Z.B.W. References to these were made at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning by Traffic Sub-Inspector Clarke when a motorist raised the question of whether it was not possible to send out some type of reminder to motorists.

The query arose during the case in which E. R. Childs of the China Underwriters Ltd., who was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon for driving a car without having a driver's licence and with allowing the vehicle to be used without it being duly licensed.

Mr. Sheldon said he had seen the notices and had heard the broadcast over the wireless.

Childs admitted the summonses and said that he had had a licence for 10 years and this was the first occasion that he had forgotten to renew it. No notice was given concerning the licence of the car and would it not be possible, asked Childs, to send out some type of reminder in case the matter is overlooked.

Sub-Inspector Clarke said that prior to the licensing date notices had been inserted in newspapers everyday for about four days and this matter was also broadcast over the wireless. It was broadcast again three weeks after licences were due and there were again newspaper notices.

Mr. Sheldon said he had seen the notices and had heard the broadcast over the wireless.

Childs was fined \$10.

It was also found that Read was also fined \$10 for allowing his car to be used without being duly licensed.

S. I. Clarke said this was the usual renewal of the year and in this case it was just five weeks over due.

G. Haynes of the National Cash Register, Ice House Street, was also fined \$10 for a similar offence.

Haynes was absent from Court but sent a letter which was read by Mr. Sheldon.

Chinese Driver Fined

Said to have resulted from an accident, Chin Kwok-kam of 3, Wong Fung Terrace, was summoned before Mr. Sheldon for failing to keep well on the left side of the road whilst rounding a bend at Tai Hang Road.

Chan was absent but pleaded guilty through a representative.

Traffic-Sergeant Hunter said the summons was taken out as a result of an accident in Tai Hang Road. He had seen the two cars involved and they were in the same position as when the accident occurred. The defendant's car was actually on the wrong side of the road.

Sub-Inspector Clarke said that there was a lot of this type of accidents and he hoped that a serious view would be taken.

Chan was fined \$20.

RED ARMY GOES INTO TRAINING

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—The Russian Red Army has started intensive training in fortification and mountain fighting under the command of its generals without political commissars who have been dismissed.

American press reports from Moscow state that the army battles, beginning to-day, will last for three days.

There have been earlier reports of disturbances in Czechoslovakia and Denmark.

SWITZERLAND'S RAID ALARMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERNE, Aug. 15 (UP).—Switzerland continues to jitter as, surrounded by warring nations, mysterious planes continue to fly over her territory.

The air raid alarm was sounded in Berne at 11.25 p.m. when planes became audible overhead. The All Clear was sounded 35 minutes later.

Zurich also had an alarm at 11.53 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS SWEEP DRAW

Draw for the weekly Lawn Bowls Sweep was made this morning and resulted as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

K. Ducks (305) v. Rec. "A" (143)
C.C.C. (307) v. C.S.C.C. (302)
Rec. "B" (218) v. K.C.C. (142)
H.K.F.C. (371) v. K.B.G.C. (503)
Police (575) v. I.R.C. (285)

SECOND DIVISION

H.K.C.C. (72) v. C.C.C. (605)
Police (401) v. Tallico (127)
C.S.C.C. (507) v. K.B.G.C. (544)
K.C.C. (140) v. K. Tong (851)
Recrelo (139) v. K.F.C. (639)

THIRD DIVISION

K.B.G.C. (420) v. Electric (015)
K.F.C. (160) v. P.O.C. (462)
C.C.C. (705) v. H.K.C.C. (101)
Numbers 058 and 363 drew the Hongkong F.C. and Indian R.C. respectively in the Third Division, but these teams are not playing, and these teams are, therefore, only "non-starters".

LATE NEWS

RECORD DAY FOR OUR DEFENCES

LONDON, Aug. 16 (Reuter).—The 144 German aircraft destroyed yesterday was a record for any single day and nearly double the previous best of 78.

From early morning until evening Spitfires, Hurricanes, A.A. guns and other ground defences battled with mass raid along a front from Plymouth to the Tyne.

R.A.F. fighters were in the air for long periods during the day—often landing just to rearm and refuel—but reports hitherto show that only 27 were lost, and from these eight pilots are safe but wounded.

NEW RUSSIAN C. OF G.S.

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—General Meretskov, Commander of the Leningrad military district during the Russo-Finnish War, has been appointed Chief of the General Staff of the Red Army, replacing Marshal Shaposhnikov, who has requested to be relieved of his duties on account of health reasons.

HOW HELLE WAS SUNK

Casualties Aboard Greek Cruiser

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—A man was killed, 29 were injured aboard and one woman on shore died of wounds and shock when the Greek cruiser Helle, 2,500 tons, was sunk by an unknown submarine as she lay at anchor off an island in the Aegean Sea.

Three torpedoes were fired. Two missed the ship and hit a quay crowded with pilgrims.

The third struck her engine room. She sank about an hour later.

Early Morning Attack

The attack was made about 6.20 a.m. The cruiser was at anchor, closed over all as part of the celebrations of the Feast of Assumption, one of the most important holidays of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Every year pilgrims flock to the island and thousands of sick and paralysed are taken to the festival.

Presumably it was a party of these who were on the quay.

General Metaxas, the Greek dictator, immediately summoned correspondents to hear the official account. A strict censorship was imposed.

Attempt At Fraud

Visitor Finds Cheque, Tries To Cash It

In the course of a sight-seeing tour after his arrival in the Colony for 48 hours from Tolshan, Kwangtung, Lei Hang, 30, found a cheque for \$322.78 lying in Des Voeux Road Central, near the Supreme Court, and presented it at the Bank of Canton for payment, but was arrested because the owner had reported the loss.

Before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, Lei was asked to attempt to obtain \$322.78 with intent to defraud, by falsely pretending he was the payee of the cheque.

Presentation For Payment

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes said Lei picked up the cheque and presented it to a cashier of the Bank of Canton for payment. He was detained because the owner who had lost a number of cheques while on his way to the Hongkong Bank had reported this to the Police.

The cheque was crossed, and when Lei was asked to endorse it, he signed his name on the back of it.

Lei stated that he had only been here for two days having come from his village to look for work.

He was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour, and to be expelled from the Colony for five years.

More Indian Munitions Workers

Proposed Enlistment Of 10,000

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Ten thousand more men are shortly to be employed in Indian munitions factories. They are being enlisted under the recent ordinance with regard to skilled and semi-skilled technicians in order to maintain full production of the existing factories.

Under the ordinance, the Government can call up to work technicians not already engaged in work of national importance. Firms are required to release them for this purpose.

Rights Safeguarded

The rights of the workers are safeguarded so that they will not lose their provident or super-annuation funds or their right to return to their jobs when their national service is over.

The Government will also train men to replace them in civil industry.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15 (UP).—A cargo of ten thousand 100lb. bags of green Brazilian coffee is being loaded aboard the N.Y.K. liner Nitta Maru.

The coffee is ostensibly destined for Japan, but shipping men understand it is actually destined to Germany.

The shipment reached San Francisco from Brazil a month ago but the American President Line refused to handle it, giving "lack of cargo space" as their reason.

Supplies from this source in July were 5,000 tons up on June and in August they will be even higher.

In one week, 17,000 old cars had been listed for wrecking. Hundreds more would be added.

Iron railings amounting to 13,140 tons and, tram lines totalling 10,000 tons had been scrapped and another 30,000 old tram lines have been marked for removal.

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